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JAPANESE WARSHIPS ARE STANDING BY IN INDO-CHINA WATERS: HANOI NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUING: JAPAN WARNED OF REPRISALS BY AMERICA

WHILE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND INDO-CHINA ARE CONTINUING IN HANOI, JAPANESE WARSHIPS AND TRANSPORTS ARE ALREADY STANDING BY IN INDO-CHINA WATERS.

The American Press yesterday advocated reprisals against Japan, states a Reuter message from New York.

The NEW YORK TIMES stated: "Any action by Japan that threatens legitimate American interests in the Far East should be met immediately by efforts on our part to deal Japanese finance and industry a deadly blow."

"The Japanese Government will guess wrong if it concludes that there are no effective steps which we can take to halt or punish aggression in the Pacific."

THE NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE ALSO WARNED JAPAN TO EXPECT UNITED STATES REPRISALS.

The GERMAN GOVERNMENT is following the position in Indo-China with the greatest interest, according to the NATIONAL ZEITUNG Berlin correspondent, quoting Wilhelmstrasse reports.

It is believed, states a Reuter message from Basle, that Berlin, Rome and Tokyo had exchanged views on this question in the last two days.

Indo-China Govt. Will Come Under Japanese Control

Commenting on the Far East situation, in a broadcast from London yesterday, MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY said that although details of the Japanese demands on Indo-China were not known, he may take it that the Government of Indo-China will come under Japanese control which may develop into a demand for complete annexation.

This would constitute a definite threat to the Dutch East Indies, the Philippine Islands, Malaya and Thailand. Japanese influence, he added, might even spread to Thailand in which case an attack on

It was stated in authoritative circles in London yesterday that what Japan has so far announced she is going to do in Indo-China, is not regarded here as a military threat to Singapore, although the British Government has been greatly concerned about the situation for many weeks, writes Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent.

It is also stated there is no reason to doubt reports that Japan has brought pressure to bear on Vichy with the view to enforcing concessions in Indo-China, or to doubt stories which are appearing regarding the reactions of the Vichy Government towards these demands.

It appears to be a feature of the Vichy policy of collaboration with the Axis that France should not take any step to defend her empire against encroachments by countries belonging to the Axis, and there seems to be no limit to the humiliations which Vichy is prepared to submit to under this policy.

On this occasion, to judge from the statement the Vichy Government spokesman was reported to have made on Wednesday night, it seems that Vichy is endeavouring to create the impression that it quite enjoys the prospect of accepting Japanese protection against an entirely imaginary anticipated British aggression.

Mr. Anthony Eden made a comprehensive denial in the House of Commons on Wednesday regarding any such imaginary intentions. The British Government are in close consultation with America and the Dominions, and all are watching the situation very closely and have exchanged information with regard to it.

AXIS TACTIC
LONDON, July 24 (Reuter)—The DAILY TELEGRAPH, in a leader Cont'd Page 7, Col. 3

1,000 AUSTRALIAN BUILT PLANES IN AIR BY OCT. 31

MELBOURNE, July 24 (Reuter)—One thousand Australian built planes will be in the air by Oct. 31, Senator J. W. Leckie, Commonwealth Minister of Aircraft Production, announced today. They include Beaufort bombers. The Minister also stated that two aircraft factories are being extended and a third will probably be extended soon.

GEN. WAVELL

It is learned officially in London that there is no truth in the report that General Wavell has arrived in Chungking, says British Wireless.

Germany Is Aware Of Fighting In The Air On Two Fronts

"In the air Germany is certainly being made aware of the fact that she is fighting on two fronts," remarked MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY when he broadcast from London yesterday.

"The strength of the Luftwaffe on the Eastern front has been reduced by our activities in the West and this is exactly what we want."

"When the German Army was advancing the Luftwaffe was used exclusively in the front but the German High Command has probably come to the conclusion that if they cannot get to Moscow by ground the next best thing is by air."

Major Murray said that the magnificent resistance of the Russians had not been bargained for by Hitler and, as the truth leaked out, was even a greater shock for the German people.

BLOODIEST BATTLE

It was interesting to note the magnificent resistance of the Russians had hurled the whole of their reserves into the biggest and bloodiest battle while only a few days ago, the German had stated that the entire Russian reserve forces had been used up.

One has got to bear in mind the immense size of Russia, said Major Murray. There had been all sorts of suggestions as to how long Hitler could give himself to "roll up" Russia. At the end of the fifth week of war no great decisions had been reached in his drive towards Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev.

SECOND GERMAN OFFENSIVE SAID ACTUALLY SPENT IS LONDON VIEW

Finnish Capital Raided: Little Damage In Moscow

The armies facing each other in Russia have apparently remained approximately in the same position during the past 24 hours, reported Reuter yesterday.

Both sides continue to claim that Smolensk is in their hands.

THE VIEW IS HELD IN LONDON THAT THE SECOND GERMAN OFFENSIVE HAS SLOWED DOWN IF NOT ACTUALLY SPENT ITSELF.

There is no evidence of preparations being made by Germany for launching a third offensive at the moment.

Yesterday's Soviet communique states that during Wednesday night, intense fighting continued in the direction of Porkhov, Polotsk and Smolensk.

Helsinki, capital of Finland, had its longest air raid on Wednesday, according to a report by the German News Agency.

Moscow had its third air raid by the Germans.

No military objectives were hit

and the damage was slight, says a Moscow report.

"UNEXPECTED PRECEDENTS"

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter)—Significant statements are made by the Berlin commentator giving daily "elucidation of German High Command communique" on the German Radio last night.

The commentator said that the battle in the East differed from that in the West because in the West, either the men or their commanders realised that their resistance was useless whereas Soviet soldiers "created unexpected precedents by both attacking and defending at the same time."

After alleging that the Russians "allow themselves to be mown down and die at their posts," not because they have any love for the Bolshevik regime, but because they are shot if they attempt to retreat, he added:

COMPARATIVELY LOW

"That is why the number of prisoners so far taken is comparatively low though losses in Soviet dead have been extremely bloody and heavy. But to master this new type of campaign—for our attacks may come either from the front or the rear—two qualities are necessary—intrepidity on the part of the soldiers and adaptability on the part of the commanders."

"German soldiers must know how to help themselves and turn a difficult situation to their advantage."

The commentator gave an example the fighting in the southern sector where in spite of "great difficulties occasioned by the soft earth," Allied troops were "slowly advancing," he declared.

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter)—German occupation troops, including those of the older classes, it is reported, have been withdrawn from Rumania and Bulgaria to reinforce troops on the Eastern front, according to Reuter's correspondent cabling from "somewhere in Europe."

Must Give All Aid To Soviet Russia

REMOVE MENACE TO REAR

CHUNGKING, July 24 (Reuter)—In order to give effective assistance to Russia, the democracies must give all possible material aid and remove the menace to the Soviet rear, declares the official CENTRAL DAILY NEWS.

"While Japan certainly likes to move both northward and southward, she has not sufficient military strength to do both things at the time."

"With Japan unwilling to risk a major naval engagement with the United States Fleet, it is reasonable to believe that Japan will strike in the north."

JAPAN WILL STRIKE

"Judging from reports from various sources, we believe that Japan will strike in the near future. To fulfil her obligations under the Tripartite alliance, Japan must attack Russia while the German Army is advancing on Moscow, and in order to prevent United States and British supplies from reaching Russia, Japan must blockade Vladivostok."

"Furthermore, to prevent future German penetration into the Far East, Japan must move her national defence line farther westward into Siberia."

"All anti-aggression countries must not allow Russia to be attacked on two fronts. In order to give effective assistance to Russia, the democracies must remove the menace to the Soviet rear," the daily concludes.

SANTIAGO, July 24 (Reuter)—The German Minister to Bolivia, Herr Wendler, who arrived at Antofagasta yesterday, has been asked by the Chilean authorities to leave the country immediately.

His arrival at the station of Antofagasta was greeted by a hostile demonstration and shouting of the slogan, "Long live Bolivia."

FRANKFURT AND MANNHEIM ARE AGAIN ATTACKED BY R.A.F.

Industrial objectives at FRANKFURT and MANNHEIM were again attacked by aircraft of Bomber Command on Wednesday night, states British Wireless.

An official communique states, "Although enemy activity over this country on Wednesday night was more widespread than of late it was not on a heavy scale. There was a small number of casualties, some fatal, at points in North-West England and in Scotland but little damage was done. One enemy aircraft was destroyed during the night."

"Late on Wednesday evening

Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command, escorted by fighters, attacked objectives near Bethune. Considerable opposition by fighters and A.A. gunfire was encountered. Five enemy fighters were destroyed. Five of our fighters are missing."

Swiftly following this communique came agency reports of the continuation of the offensive in the early hours yesterday when explosions in the Boulogne district shook buildings on the English coast and continued at intervals for nearly two hours.

Still later reports indicate that the R.A.F. were again across the Channel shortly after dawn. Further reports of the sweep over Northern France on Wednesday evening show that six enemy aircraft were destroyed making a total of 11 during the day.

EMPHATIC "NO"

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter)—Lord, cheered, greeted Mr. C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, in the House of Commons today when he gave an emphatic "No" to a suggestion that the Prime Minister should consider making a convention with the German Government for the cessation of night bombing and bombings of cities.

The suggestion was made by the Labourite, Mr. Stokes, who followed up his query by asking Mr. Attlee if he had observed that the policy now being followed had been described by a competent military critic as "contagious lunacy."

Further loud cheers greeted Mr. Attlee when he said: "I am not aware of that statement, but I should have thought everybody realised that a convention made with the present rulers of Germany was worthless."

Today's News Summary

LATEST REPORTS ON THE INDO-CHINA CRISIS indicate that negotiations are still proceeding in Hanoi and that Japanese warships and transports are now standing by in Indo-China waters. The hint that Britain and the United States may declare war against Japan is taken with complete calm by the populace in Singapore where it is stated that the die is not yet cast. Chungking has warned Britain and America not to underestimate Japan's move while the New York Press has advocated reprisals against Tokyo.

THE AIR OFFENSIVE AGAINST WESTERN GERMANY is being kept up nightly and on Wednesday Frankfurt and Mannheim again felt the weight of the R.A.F. attack on industrial targets. Over Britain enemy air activity was more widespread than of late.

AN INDICATION THAT BRITAIN MAY HAVE TO CHANGE her policy towards Spain was given in the House of Commons yesterday by the Foreign Secretary who recalled a recent speech by General Franco in which he displayed complete misunderstanding of the general war situation.

THE CENTRAL DAILY NEWS ADVOCATES ALL POSSIBLE material aid by the democracies to Russia to remove the menace to the rear of the Soviet Union.

THE VIEW IS EXPRESSED IN LONDON THAT THE SECOND German offensive against Russia has slowed down, if not, actually spent itself.

ENTIRELY WRONG PERSPECTIVE, SAYS JAPANESE CONSUL

SINGAPORE, July 24 (Reuter)—"To say that Japan is getting bases in South Indo-China in order to promote aggressive designs against Malaya, the N.E.I., or elsewhere, is to present the matter in an entirely wrong perspective," said MR. KEN TSUMURI, Japanese Consul-General, according to Reuter.

Japan was solely inspired by the desire to maintain the integrity of Indo-China, and to prevent war flames from spreading to the Far East, he added.

"He hoped that Britain and America were inspired by the same spirit."

Japan desired now to settle the China affair and to establish better trade relations with all neighbours without seeking any friction with Britain and America.

TOKYO, July 24 (Reuter)—The Foreign Minister, Admiral Toyoda, conferred this afternoon with the German Ambassador, General Eugen Ott, and the Italian Ambassador, Signor Mario D'Adda, at separate meetings.

The conversations are the second that have taken place since Admiral Toyoda's appointment. The Foreign Minister will receive the foreign Diplomatic Corps at his official residence tomorrow.

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INTER-HONG WINNERS



The HONGKONG ELECTRIC swimming team, winners of the Inter-Hong Gala held recently. D. Hutchinson, the Colony champion, is seated on the left in front. — (King's Studio).

NEW MEASURES TO STOP TRAFFICKING OF DOGS

Annual Meeting Of S.P.C.A.: Committee's Good Work

The good work done by the Society in recovering valuable stolen dogs and new measures to "scotch" the trafficking of dogs into the Colony were dealt with by the Chief Justice, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, when he presided at the annual general meeting of the HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS held yesterday in the offices of the Registrar, Supreme Court.

Moving the adoption of the Report and Accounts, Sir Atholl said that the H.K.S.P.C.A. was always rather selective, more conspicuous of quality than of quantity and it was more so this year than in previous years, there being enough for a quorum.

Continuing Sir Atholl said: We have not had a year of progress. It is inevitable in days like these, with two wars raging not so far away from us, that human affection and interest have had to take first place and I think it likely that our policy has been not to worry the public.

ACTIVITIES KEPT GOING
The year's working has resulted in a loss of \$1,856.46, expenses exceeding revenue by that amount. On the other hand, we have been able to keep our activities going and you have only to look through the headings of our annual report to notice the multiplicity of work that has been done by the officers and Executive Committee of this Society.

I think the most sensational event of the year has been the uncovering of an extremely large and lucrative trade of valuable dogs stolen from Shanghai, Macao and Canton. We have managed to recover some very valuable dogs, the loss of which must have been a tremendous blow to their owners.

We shall succeed very shortly in getting Government's approval in further restricting regulations so that anyone or an animal shop in the city will have to have a licence for every dog which is put up for sale; an entry permit signed by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, if it has been imported; the name and address of the owner, or the previous owner, with a full description of the age, sex, breed, etc. of the dog.

It is a fairly big step in the right direction and I think members of the Executive Committee are deserving of very great credit in so far as having scotched this trafficking of dogs, and this addition will put an end to the traffic once and for all.

IN EXCELLENT ORDER
The energetic ladies on the Committee have seen to it that the bird shops are in excellent order and I do not think they are likely to have any more of the trouble that we used to have with those who traffick in animals in the Colony.

The Blue Cross magazine began under very worse and inauspicious conditions as the Shanghai dollar crashed just when the magazine came into being. All estimates of profits went by the board and the magazine is now probably run at a considerable loss. But I do not think that matters as the magazine has shown how great is its value.

Regarding the \$1,000 deficit we have all that to show for our work and we can afford to lose it. We have brought it in hand to tide us over this year and we can get more money if we need it. Before I close I would like to thank Mrs. Dorey for all the work she had done in connection with

LEAGUE TENNIS RESULTS

CLEAN SWEEP FOR SOUTH CHINA

SOUTH CHINA made a clean sweep by winning all nine games in their fourth division match against POST OFFICE R.C. (2) in the Tennis League at the latter's courts yesterday.

Dr. Y. K. Ng and K. T. Chan (S. C. A. A.) beat C. I. Chan and T. M. Castilho 6-4; beat C. C. Lam and Lai Fat 6-3; beat K. W. Wong and T. F. Ho 6-2.

K. C. Siet and C. M. Tsang (S. C. A. A.) beat Chan and Castilho 6-2; beat Lam and Lai 7-5; beat Wong and Ho 6-2.

P. Y. Kwok and S. L. Chung (S. C. A. A.) beat Chan and Castilho 6-1; beat Lam and Lai 6-0; beat Wong and Ho 6-3.

INDIANS WIN

At Sookunpoo, Indian R. C. defeated Post Office R. C. (1) by the odd game.

U. A. Rumjahn and A. J. Suffad (I. R. C.) lost to J. Howlett and W. G. Morrison 3-6; lost to D. C. W. Fitches and P. Y. Fung 3-6; lost to S. S. Chin and S. K. Chin 1-6.

G. Singh and M. H. Hassan (I. R. C.) beat Howlett and Morrison 7-5; beat Fitches and Fung 6-2; beat Chin and Chin 7-5.

M. S. Hussain and M. I. Razack (I. R. C.) beat Howlett and Morrison 6-0; beat Fitches and Fung 6-3; lost to Chin and Chin 3-6.

FILIPINOS LOSE

At Causeway Bay, Chinese R. C. beat Filipino Club by 5 1/2 to 3 1/2.

K. M. Wong and K. C. Lai (C. R. C.) beat K. K. Ip and B. Poon 6-4; drew with T. S. Hsu and T. Koo 6-6; lost to P. Poon and L. P. da Souza 5-7.

C. N. Tsang and S. T. Ng (C. R. C.) beat Ip and Poon 6-4; lost to Hsu and Koo 1-6; beat Poon and Souza 6-4.

Iu Tak-lam and T. Y. Leung (C. R. C.) beat Ip and Poon 6-3; beat Hsu and Koo 6-3; lost to Poon and Souza 4-6.

K. I. T. C. BEATEN

Jewish Recreation Club yesterday beat K. I. T. C. by 7 1/2 sets to 1 1/2 sets, at King's Park.

K. S. Mehal and Y. J. Khan (K. I. T. C.) lost to B. Godkin and S. Ramler (J. R. C.) 2-6; beat A. Pollak and M. Talan 7-5; drew with E. Whitgob and A. Odell 6-6.

K. Singh and J. Singh (K. I. T. C.) lost to Godkin and Ramler 1-6; lost to Pollak and Talan 1-6; lost to Whitgob and Odell 2-6.

J. Dad and Ram Chand (K. I. T. C.) lost to Godkin and Ramler 2-6; lost to Pollak and Talan 1-6; lost to Whitgob and Odell 3-6.

Scholastic Successes Of H.K. Girls

News has been received in this Colony that Gloria June Mess and Evelyn Grace Morrison have passed the Cambridge School Certificate Examination.

These candidates were pupils of the Central British School of which both were Prefects and, owing to the Evacuation, their entries were transferred to the Melbourne University, Australia.

Another achievement is that of Marlen Hill, who was recently awarded a special Singing Scholarship at Bedford High School for 12 months; in addition, the Board of Governors granted her a second scholarship in the form of Free Tuition during the remainder of her time at the School.

Marlen was Head Girl Prefect at the Central British School which she left in April, 1939, having already passed the Cambridge School Leaving Certificate Examination at the age of 14 years with such a high standard that she was granted exemption from the London Matriculation examination.

ANNUAL MEETING

Increase In Membership Of H.K. Rifle Assn.

The annual meeting of the HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION was held yesterday evening in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, Lt.-Col. R. D. Walker, M.C., President of the H.K.R.A., being in the Chair.

The annual report of the Association, passed by the meeting, noted an increase in membership to 428, five more than last year, and the number of affiliated Clubs was stated to be 10. Affiliation of the two new Indian regiments in the Colony will bring this figure to 12.

Owing to the war, no N.R.A. appointment of a committee of Bisley meeting was held, and the four to be empowered to amend the rules of the Association, Major S. E. H. E. White, M.C., was elected Chairman of this Committee, with Insp. Hopkins, H.K.P., Mr. A. F. Evans, R.A.F., and Capt. Farrington, R.M., as members.

Lt.-Col. R. D. Walker, M.C., was re-elected President of the Association for the forthcoming year, and the following other officers, were also elected to serve for the coming year:—

Vice-Presidents:—Brig. J. T. W. Reeve, C.B.E., D.S.O.; Brig. T. McLeod, C.R.A.; Col. L. A. Newham, M.C.; Major S. E. H. E. White, M.C. and Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones.

Hon. Secretary—Capt. C. H. R. Hyde; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. J. P. Carey; Hon. Legal Adviser, Mr. M. J. Abbott.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected Auditors.

With the meeting thrown open to "Any Other Business," a suggestion was broached that the Rapid Firing, Deliberate and Snap Competitions at the next Annual Bisley Meeting be limited to Service members.

TO AMEND RULES

The meeting next considered the



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MUSKETEER DESTROYED

Musketeer, a 1939 China pony subscription griffin, purchased at a recent rump by Mr. A. P. Botelho, had to be destroyed at the Jockey Club stables yesterday morning. It had been lame for some time.

The pony had won a number of races and collected \$5,975 in stakes money. It was second to Galveston Bay in the Fatsan Handicap in the 8th Race of the Second Extra Race Meeting on March 29 last with Mr. Hoo Pak-ming up.

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BASEBALL — South China Athletic Association v. Chung Hwa, 2.15 p.m.; H.B.C. v. H.K.B.C., 4.30 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS — First Division: Haelelo "A" v. Haelelo "B"; Craigengower v. Police "A"; Kowloon Ducks R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; Civil Service v. Kowloon B.C.C. "A"; Indian R.C. v. Kowloon B.C.C. "B"; Second Division: Haelelo v. Hongkong R.C.; Hongkong C.C.

v. Prison O.C.; Kowloon C.C. v. Talkco R.C.; Fowloon F.C. v. Craigengower. Third Division: Craigengower v. Rectelo, Kowloon B.C.C. v. Indian R.C.; Hongkong R.C. v. Hongkong Electric, Police R.C. v. Hongkong C.C.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

BASEBALL — U.S.S. Mindanao v. U.S.S. Tulsa, 10 a.m.
LAWN BOWLS — Colony Open Rinks Championships, Third Round

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DUKE OF KENT TO VISIT CANADA

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—The Dominions Office officially announced yesterday evening that with the King's approval, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent will shortly be proceeding to Canada for a brief visit.

The Duke is greatly interested in the Commonwealth Air Training Plan and is desirous of seeing for himself some of the air training establishments where pilots and air crews are being trained. The proposal has been warmly welcomed by the Canadian Government and the Royal Canadian Air Force.

ANNOUNCEMENT
OTTAWA, July 24 (Reuter).—H. R. H. the Duke of Kent, will shortly be leaving for Canada. It is announced by Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister.

DONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—Women between the ages of 18 and 31 will be registered for war work during the next five months, according to an announcement yesterday.

COMING EVENTS

JULY

25—Tides: High 10.17 a.m. & 12.03 p.m. Low 3.51 a.m. & 5.58 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.51 a.m.; Sunset: 8.07 p.m.
China Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., Annual Meeting, Union Bldg., noon.

Presentation to Right Rev. J. L. Wilson, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5 p.m.
St. Andrew's War-time Intercession Service, 8.30 p.m.
Cinema Club Darts and Table Tennis.

Lecture: Volunteer Nursing Detachment First Aid, Hut No. 2, Headquarters, 5.45 p.m.
R.A.O.C. Dinner Gloucester Hotel Reading Room.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
26—Tides: High 11.02 a.m. & 12.38 p.m. Low 4.38 a.m. & 6.16 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.52 a.m.; Sunset: 8.07 p.m.
V.D.M.A. Half-Day Conference at Shatin.

Lawn Bowls League 3 p.m.
H.K. Baseball League Chatham Rd. 27—Tides: High 11.45 a.m. Low 5.22 a.m. & 6.52 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.52 a.m.; Sunset: 8.06 p.m.
Claims against Estate of late Mr. C. Y. M.C.A. Discussion Group, West Lounge.

H.K. Baseball League, Chatham Rd. 28—Tides: High 1.13 a.m. & 12.34 p.m. Low 6.49 a.m. & 7.27 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 8.05 p.m.
31—Tides: High 3.28 a.m. & 3.39 p.m. Low 9.22 a.m. & 9.31 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.54 a.m.; Sunset: 8.04 p.m.
St. Andrew's Club Open Night.
Entries Close for Schools' Swimming Gala.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 Vivian Ellis (Piano) & Sidney Lipton and His Orchestra.

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7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 London—The News.

8.15 London—War Commentary.

8.25 London—Listening Post.

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 Marek Weber and His Orchestra tra and Nán Maryska (Soprano).

Old Vienna (Gems from Lanner's Waltzes — Lanner, Ann. Kremser); Amoretten-Tanz — Waltz (Gungl) — Marek Weber and His Orchestra. Nightingale Song; Don't Be Cross (Zeller) — Nán Maryska with Orch. Contrasts—Potpourri of Famous Melodies (Robrecht)—Marek Weber and His Orchestra. My Lovely Celia (Monro, Ann. Lane Wilson) — Nán Maryska with Ivor Newton (Piano).

9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 An Hour of Variety Requests.

Vocal—Olympia's Aria — The Doll's Song (Tales of Hoffmann); (Offenbach)—Miliza Korjus (Sop.) w. Orch. Selection — "Mikado" (Sullivan) — Marek Weber and His Orchestra. Vocal—The Mounties (from film "Rose Marie")—Nelson Eddy (Baritone) w. Orchestra. Violin — Intermezzo (Souvenir De Vienne — Featured in the film "Escape to Happiness"—H. Provoost)—Otto Kynzel with piano. Vocal — Rose Marie (from film "Rose Marie")—Harbach and Others)—Nelson Eddy (Baritone) w. Orchestra. Band — Under The Double Eagle — March (Wagner)—Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. Vocal—One Kiss (from film "New Moon"—Mandel and Others)—Jeanette MacDonald (Sop.) w. Orch. Slow Fox-Trot—Poor Butterfly—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orch. Vocal — Only Forever (from film "Rhythm on the River")—Turner Layton and his piano. Fox-Trot — I'm Stepping Out With a Memory Tonight — Harry Roy and His Orchestra. Duet — Will You Remember? (from film "Maytime") — Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) and Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra. Rumba Fox-Trot—The Gaucho Serenade—Ambrose and his orchestra. Vocal—In My Merry Old Mobile (from film "Star Maker")—Bing Crosby assisted by the Music Makers and Orchestra. Fox-Trot Down Argentine Way (from film "Down Argentine Way")—Oscar Rabin and His Band. Vocal—The Shabby-Este Carlisle with Orchestra. Quick-Step — The Woodpecker Song — Joe Loss and his Orchestra.

9.45 — 10.00 News in French (On Short Wave only).

10.00 London — News and News Commentary.

10.15 Compositions of Haydn with his Symphony No. 101 in D Minor "The Clock".

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11.00 London—"Makers of History." Desmond MacCarthy on Florence Nightingale.

11.15 Close Down.

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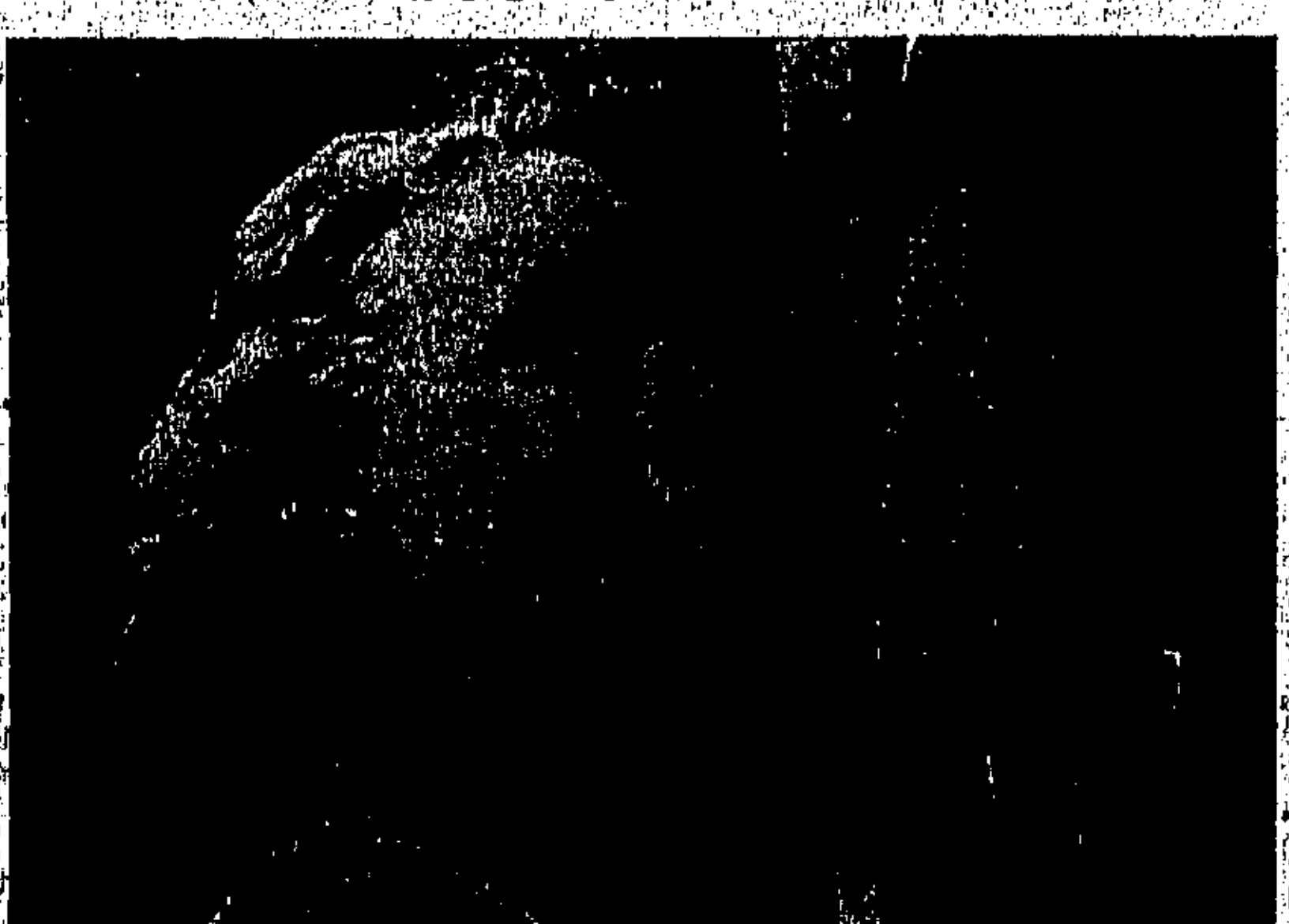
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WASHINGTON CIRCLES SURPRISED BY SWEEPING CHARACTER OF DEMANDS ON SAIGON

Japan, Vichy Reported To Have Reached Agreement

WASHINGTON, July 24 (Reuter) — The Japanese Embassy, announcing the receipt of an unconfirmed report that Japan and Vichy have reached an agreement again in Indo-China, declined to give the origin of the report.

A Japanese demand probably concerning Camranh Bay was expected here by a number of observers but the demand covering the occupation of the whole country came as a surprise. Discussion of the possible demands has already taken place among the officials and legislative leaders in anticipation of Japanese action.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that joint Anglo-American economic measures are already aggressive move. The three moves considered likely among well-informed commentators are the stoppage of United States gold purchases; the freezing of Japanese assets and complete embargo on essential exports to Japan.

Already it has been reported that Japanese gold shipments are so much above normal that it is likely that Japan has been acting as an intermediary to purchase dollars for the Nazis with German gold.

The possibility of China assisting Indo-China if she resists is felt to be impracticable here as the railway linking Indo-China and Yunnan was torn up on the Chinese frontier some time past and the movement of materials and men through such mountainous country is considered to be impossible.

On the other hand, the Chinese have made military expeditions in impossible terrain before now.

Japanese action, if and when it begins, is expected to be chiefly naval, after which troops might be landed at Saigon and in the areas around Camranh.

AXIS TIMING

Close observers believe that Japan has chosen this moment in a manner which suggests Axis timing, thinking that President Roosevelt is likely to do little while he is trying to get the Selectees Extension Bill through Congress.

It is believed here that Japan is acting in her own interests rather than the Nazis who may benefit incidentally. It is also suggested that Japan rightly or wrongly feels that action against Indo-China is the maximum aggressiveness which can be undertaken without rousing America and Britain to take up arms against her and if it is successful, it would bring her within better striking distance of Singapore and the Dutch East Indies should a promising opportunity occur to attack those places later.

It seems certain, however, that the United States will take some action. A high State Department official in a private conversation is reported to have said recently that America was "prepared" if Japan moved aggressively against Indo-China.

ACTION SOON

There is no "question" but that the recent developments in the Far East, including Japanese censorship, meant new military developments in that area, said Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, at a Press conference yesterday.

"I look for movement out there—very soon," said Colonel Knox, but he declined to discuss the possible direction of the move.

"No one can tell at this point whether it will go north or south," he said.

In reply to a question, Colonel Knox said that the United States Pacific Fleet was in position to do whatever was necessary to carry out American policy in the Far East.

SIGNS OF TENSION

VICHY, July 24 (Reuter)—There are signs of growing tension in the Far East says a Shanghai dispatch to the official Vichy news agency.

This says that the suspension of visas for Japan was learned of yesterday. Foreigners who recently arrived at Nagasaki to spend a holiday in Japan were not allowed to go to a certain summer resort on the coast. All Japanese shipping companies announced this morning that "because of the present situation" they would stop indicating the movements of their ships.

Another announcement stated that travellers from Tokyo to Saigon could only take small suitcases with them. The reason was to save space and make it possible to cope with a "considerable in-

WELLES-NOMURA CONVERSATION

PACIFIC SITUATION DISCUSSED

WASHINGTON, July 24 (Reuter) — After a half hour meeting with Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, Admiral Nomura, Japanese Ambassador, told pressmen that he hoped the feeling "between our two countries will become better and better."

It is understood that Admiral Nomura discussed the Far East situation, especially Indo-China, but he declined to make any observations on that question to the Press merely saying that he had "approached the subject from our side."

The Admiral said that he had also discussed the question of Japanese ships being unable to pass through the Panama Canal and he stated that ships could not remain at the Canal "permanently." Eight or ten ships had gone to the south and "would go round South America," Mr. Sumner Welles had told him that the Canal was closed indefinitely to merchant shipping for repairs.

SINO-AUSTRALIAN FRIENDSHIP

CHUNGKING, July 24 (Central) — Dr. Hsu Mo, Minister-designate to Australia, yesterday made the following exclusive statement:

"I feel it a significant honour to be able to serve as China's first Minister and diplomatic envoy to Australia."

"It will be my most pleasant duty to contribute my best efforts to further strengthen these bonds of friendship and understanding."

HITLER MADE MISTAKE IN INVADING RUSSIA

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter)—Thoughtful Germans, according to latest reports, are beginning to realise that Hitler made a disastrous mistake in invading Russia instead of concentrating efforts to drive the British from the Mediterranean and seizing Iraq oil wells and the Suez Canal.

Hitler apparently took a drastic decision on political grounds without paying sufficient attention to the German Army's information over Soviet strength in a defensive war.

Attacking Russia, he hoped first to win the world political sympathy for an anti-Bolshevik "crusade" and secondly to steal the thunder of internal critics among the old members of the Nazi Party—what is commonly called the Hess Group—who disapproved of all rapprochement with Russia.

He failed in both aims owing to the determined reaction of Anglo-Saxon Powers and the continued restiveness of the Hess Group whose secret activity demonstrates the rottenness and corruption of present Nazi leaders.

A variety of reasons provoked a strong opposition to the invasion of Russia among many of those nearest Hitler. Whereas Marshal Goering feared to see the Luftwaffe crippled, high foreign office and industrial circles believed the invasion would destroy the Soviet goose which laid golden eggs in the shape of much needed trade deliveries.

DIVIDED FRONT

Military circles showed a divided front, many through expert knowledge of Soviet conditions fearing the worst. The most enterprising blitzkrieg generals, List von Reichenau and Blaskewitz, inflamed with success, reportedly favoured Hitler's plan but Admiral Keitel, after first approving, changed his mind at the last minute when too late to sway Hitler's purpose.

Regarding Herr Hess, information is continually heaping up indicating his peace mission was taken without Hitler's cognisance.

A visitor to Berchtesgaden shortly after the departure of Hess reported that Hitler was most upset and filled with mistrust of his entourage.

Despite an official denial, the belief persists that Herr Messerschmitt, famous plane constructor and the member of the Hess Group who personally placed at the disposal of Hess the Messerschmitt in which he undertook his flight to Scotland, was arrested subsequently.

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter)—The Soviet Ambassador, M. Malysky, accompanied by Lieut.-Gen. Gollakov, who has just returned from Moscow, as well as Admiral Kharlamov had a talk with the British Foreign Minister, Mr. Anthony Eden, yesterday afternoon.

Secret German Documents Relating To Use Of Poison Gases Seized By Russians

MOSCOW, July 24 (Reuter)—Further details concerning the contents of secret documents (detailing instructions for the use of poison gas) which Soviet Russia claims were seized from routed German soldiers at Zapadnaya and Pyschna on July 15 have now been disclosed.

According to the Russian authorities, the captured packets were sealed and stamped by the German High Command and addressed to the 2/52 Nebel Merger Regiment.

The high series of the numbers on one of the enclosed documents indicate that similar instructions were issued to a great number of other regiments.

The detailed explanations bore the date, July 11, and were for the concerted use of "withering" irritant gas shells, the purpose of which is to wear down the physique of the opponent, and then the use of blue-ring and green-ring gas shells containing vesicant (blistering) and other lethal gases.

CONVOY DISPERSED

Ten enemy ships, it is now learned, were sunk when Soviet bombers attacked an enemy convoy, states the official Soviet news agency. Five ships were sunk by a Soviet destroyer.

The convoy was apparently intercepted in the Baltic when proceeding north. Soviet fighters on patrol flashed back the news of the presence of enemy ships.

Soviet bombers repeatedly attacked the ships while destroyers shelled the transports. The enemy vessels exploded and sank.

SOVIET COMMUNIQUE

A Soviet communique issued last night by the Soviet Information Bureau announces:

"During July 23 stubborn battles against the enemy were engaged in the Polotsk-Nevel, Smolensk and Zhitomir directions and on the Bessarabian sector of the front."

"At one point of the Bessarabian front, our forces routed an enemy motorised regiment, capturing 400 cars, 300 motor cycles, 32 armoured cars, 25 guns, eight mine-throwers and other armaments. "Our air force during July 23 delivered concentrated blows upon enemy mechanised units and aircraft on aerodromes."

SMOLENSK NOT TAKEN

Reuter's special correspondent learns reliably that Smolensk has always been and still is in Russian hands.

SALLA SECTOR

STOCKHOLM, July 24 (Reuter)—The German-Finnish advance from Salla is now proceeding rapidly, having passed boggy land, according to the Afton Bladet correspondent at Helsinki.

The advance is evidently directed at Kandalaks with the object of cutting the Russians off from Murmansk.

It is believed that the attacking forces are now within 45 miles of Kandalaks.

MOSCOW'S SECOND RAID

MOSCOW, July 24 (Reuter)—The second aerial attack lacked novelty and thrill for Moscow inhabitants although it came at the height of the great city's night.

NEW DIVE-BOMBER FOR BRITAIN

LOS ANGELES, July 24 (Reuter)

Smashing a glass wand filled with oxygen across the propeller hub of a new dive-bomber for Britain, Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, declared: "I christen thee Vengeance—the newest V in Britain's campaign for victory."

The dive-bomber, which is a low-wing monoplane and camouflaged, then roared off, climbed to 5,000 feet and went into a deafening dive to 1,000 feet while Vultee Aircraft workers cheered.

Lord Halifax spoke briefly reassuring the workers that "Britain is going to finish the job we started to do."

NAZI OFFENSIVE AGAINST SMOLENSK PETERING OUT BEFORE STOUT RESISTANCE

MOSCOW, July 24 (Reuter)—Smolensk, the key city on the Russian central front, is and always has been in Russian hands, I learn on good authority despite the German propaganda claims, later supported by the German High Command, that Smolensk was captured last Wednesday writes Reuter's Special correspondent in Russia.

It is true that German advance units reached the outskirts of Smolensk some days ago, but they were driven away. Soviet communiques rightly continue to speak of "fighting in the direction of Smolensk."

Now the impression is gaining ground among competent observers that the second big German offensive, directed mainly against Smolensk, is exhausting itself owing to the formidable Russian resistance, by supply difficulties intensified by the great distances to be covered, and the frequent effective interference by Soviet guerrilla units.

In addition, the Russians have set up many obstacles on the various but not numerous Smolensk-Moscow roads. While such obstacles somewhat hamper the Soviets' own present communications with the front, they may be regarded as one reason why the Germans are beginning to realise that a frontal attack on Moscow is a hopeless task and why they are endeavouring to explain to the German public that not Moscow but the "destruction of

Soviet Army" before Moscow is their immediate objective.

OBSCURE SITUATION

The whole situation in the Leningrad sector is more obscure. The Russians do not believe that the German thrust across the highly fortified Karelian Isthmus of around Lake Ladoga, with its difficult lake and waterway-cut terrain, can succeed.

Danger to Leningrad is only possible from the south-west but the main Soviet troops in this sector are holding on grimly around Pskov and the position of the Germans here is not unlike Smolensk.

In any case the whole region between Pskov and Leningrad and also between Tallinn and Leningrad along the coast is largely composed of forest and marshes with few roads.



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SPECIAL CONSTABULARY FORCE FOR COLONY

General Invitation Issued To Chinese Residents

A force of 3,000 special constables will be required to assist the regular Police in maintaining law and order in case of emergency, according to an announcement made by the Commissioner of Police, Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans.

This auxiliary force, it was learned, will be especially needed in preventing panic, rioting and looting, and keeping order at food and firewood distribution centres.

A general invitation to local Chinese residents to join this force has been issued, and those desirous of becoming members of the Chinese Special Constabulary—of which Mr. Lo Tung-fan has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of Police, and Mr. Luke O'wan of the New Zealand Insurance Co. Ltd., chief recruiting officer—are asked to send in their applications to Central Police Station between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

The Chinese Special Constabulary will be under the control of the Commissioner of Police, and the following are the main conditions of service:—

Members will be enrolled as Special Constables and will report for duty at such police stations in Hongkong and Kowloon and at such other centres as may be directed by the Commissioner of Police. In present conditions they will be liable to perform three or four hours' instructional or other duty at intervals of two or three days as directed by the Commissioner of Police. In case of emergency they will be mobilised for full duty.

Applicants must be physically fit.

When mobilised to perform full time duty, rates of pay will be:—

Rank	Rate per day
Inspector	\$7.00
Sub Inspector	4.00
Sergeant	3.00

Lance Sergeant	2.00
Constable	1.50

When on part time duty (i.e. so long as members are not mobilised for full time duty) rates of pay will be:—

Rank	Rate per day on which duty is performed
Inspector	\$4.00
Sub Inspector	3.00
Sergeant	2.00
Lance Sergeant	1.50
Constable	1.00

GUARANTORS REQUIRED

It is learned that recruiting will start immediately, and applications to join will be received at Central Police Station, on the ground floor next to the Central Magistracy, Arbutnot Road, from Monday to Friday between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Applications for enrolment are required to be endorsed by a guarantor.

Upon enrolment, members of the Special Constabulary will undergo a course of training consisting of lectures on police duties and drill parades. Pay will not commence until completion of training.

NO FIREARMS

It is understood that the Special Constabulary will not be provided with firearms.

Selected men were last year invited to join a similar body about the same time that the now-defunct Peace Preservation Corps was established. After a brief period of training, the few who joined were released from service, and nothing further had been heard of the scheme until now.

FORMER I. O. ASSISTANT CONVICTED AT SESSIONS FOR ACCEPTING \$5 BRIBE

A former Junior Immigration Assistant, of the Immigration Department, Cheung Fuk-chau, was charged before the Chief Justice, Mr. Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday with accepting a bribe of \$5 at Shataukok while being a public servant with a view to influencing his conduct.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, assisted by Sgt. Wilcock, prosecuted and the jury comprised Messrs. A. E. L. Burgoyne (Foreman), C. Brown, C. de M. C. Victor, Fung Wai-sun, Ho Hong-kuen, Tran Thank-dung and Edward Wonkai Lee.

Mr. Williams said that the duties of accused was to examine persons coming into British territory to see if they had a permit or, if they had none, to ask for a deposit of \$25. It was not his duty to obtain money at all, and if an immigrant had no money or permit accused was entitled to refuse to let him land.

On the afternoon of July 2 about 4.30 p.m. accused was stationed on a pier at Shataukok when a man, Chan Shun, came ashore. The man had no permit and, when asked, said he had not got \$25. Chan said he had \$5 and asked accused if that would do. Accused accepted the \$5 and asked Chan to pass along quickly.

MATTER REPORTED

Chan was stopped at the other end of the pier by another Immigration Assistant and was detained when he failed to produce a permit. Accused was questioned by the other officer and tried to press the other officer to accept the \$5. This officer refused and reported the matter to a senior officer, Mr. Pang.

Several officers were sent to accused to accompany him to see Mr. Taylor, Assistant Immigration Officer, in charge of New Territories, at Tai Po. Accused refused and, getting angry, tried to strike one of them, and escaped across the border. He was detained by the Japanese but came back after a few days and was arrested by Sgt. Carruthers.

FALSELY CHARGED

In evidence yesterday, accused alleged that all the accusations were based entirely on a grudge by some of his fellow colleagues. Accused stated that on July 1 he saw a sampan approaching and asked several of his colleagues, who were playing mahjong, to help him. They refused and accused him of trying to flatter his superior officers.

On July 2 at 4.30 p.m. Chan arrived by a boat. Chan had no permit and he asked Chan to put up a deposit of \$25. Accused stated that Chan offered him \$5 but he refused the bribe. The money was put into his raincoat pocket and he did not know of this until he put his hand into his pocket. By then Chan was at the other end of the pier. He ran there and handed over the \$5 to Chan and asked him to put up a deposit.

RESENTED BEING IN COURT

Accused further stated that he resented very much being in Court.

Without retiring the jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty against accused.

SENTENCE PASSED

Passing sentence of seven months' hard labour, his Lordship said the offence accused had been found guilty of was one of misde-

meanour and he was under no obligation to give him the opportunity to say anything, but he could say what made him do such a foolish thing as that.

Accused: I am falsely accused, My Lord.

His Lordship remarked that accused might have been a good immigration officer but he was not a good liar and, to further his own ends he had tried to blacken the characters of most of his colleagues.

The \$5 was ordered by His Lordship to be confiscated and to be put into the Poor Box.

DONATIONS TO ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRES

The British Relief Fund for Distress in South China gratefully acknowledges the donations received up to July 24 for the Orthopaedic Centres of the Chinese Red Cross.

It is earnestly hoped that the response will be sufficiently generous for the goal of H.K.\$200,000 to be achieved which will make possible the establishment of an Orthopaedic Centre for disabled soldiers and civilians in each war area.

His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote \$500, Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith 10, British Fund for Relief of Distress in China 20,000, Mr. O. S. Liew 10, Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie 50, Mr. J. Scott Harston 50, E. D. Sassoon Banking Co., Ltd. and its Associated Companies 100, Mr. T. N. Chau (ex. of NCS1,000) 185, "A Christian" (NCS209) 36.36, Prof. Gordon King 50, The Bank of Canton, Ltd. 5,000, "A Sympathiser" 500, Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans 100, Hon. Mr. D. J. Sloss 300, Mr. Kwok Chan 50, Mr. A. Manuel Fox 100, Mr. M. H. Lo 100, Mr. Albert Raymond 50, Kwangtung Provincial Bank 1,000, The Bank of East Asia, Ltd. 5,000, Hon. Mr. Li Tse Fong and Mrs. Li Tse Fong 500, Information Office of the Farmers Bank of China (Head Office) H.K. 8,000, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo 200, Mr. B. Wylie 50, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stanton 250, Hon. Mr. W. N. T. Tam 100, Dr. K. W. Chau 250.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on July 23:—

Cerebro-Spinal Fever, one case; Cholera, 15 cases; Diphtheria, two cases; Dysentery, eight cases; Enteric Fever, six cases; Measles, one case; Tuberculosis, 63 cases (one imported).

ALLEGED EXPORTING OF TIN TO SHANGHAI

Two cases of pewter dining ware, alleged to have been made out of 800 pounds of tin, formed the subject of a charge of breach of the Defence Regulations against CHENG MAN, 35, general assistant of a shop at No. 195, Wing Lok Street, before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Defendant was charged with having, on or about May 30, exported to Shanghai two cases of tin under an export licence from the Controller of Trade.

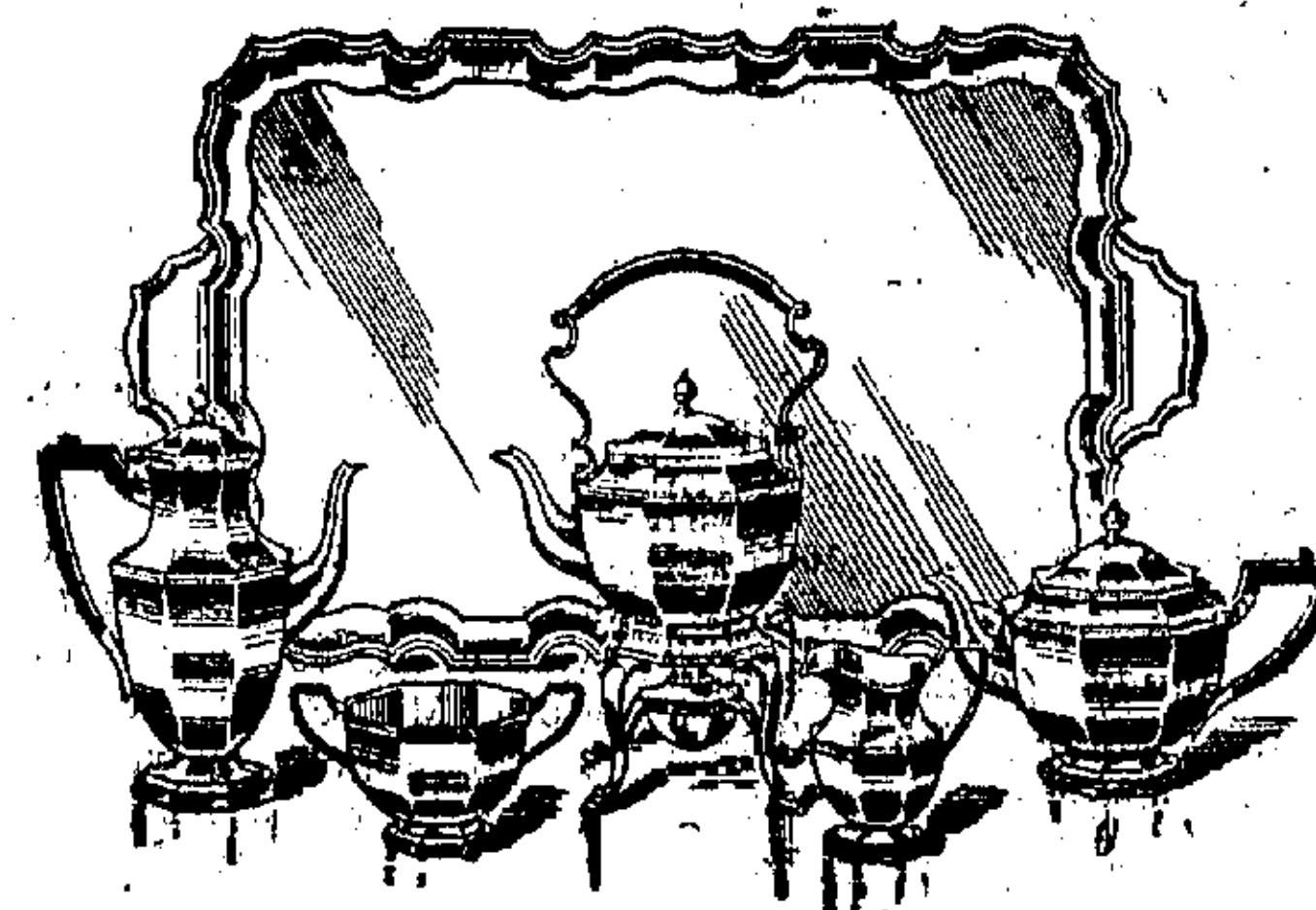
A second charge of furnishing false information in an export licence to the Controller of Trade was also preferred against him. It alleged that he put Cheung Man of the Ngan Kut Hing Shop, of No. 282, Wanchoi Road, first floor, as the exporter, whereas in fact, the said shop had nothing to do with the exportation.

The master of the aforementioned shop, Ngan Cheong-yu, 43, who was previously also charged on the first count, was discharged yesterday, when the prosecution offered no evidence against him. Ngan was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

Det. Insp. J. O'Donovan, assisted by Det. Sgt. A. F. Cochrane, appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. W. E. Zimmerman was for the defence.

Continuing the case, Insp. O'Donovan said that on June 20, Sgt. Cochrane visited No. 282, Wan-

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POLICE RESERVIST'S CASE: JUDGMENT RESERVED

Judgment was reserved by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C. in the case in which Police Reservist No. 1715, LI YIU-TONG, 21, of No. 293, Queen's Road West, first floor, was charged with having demanded, together with others not in custody, \$5.30, with menaces, from Lam Shing-tai, 13, on June 26 and again on June 27, when hearing was concluded at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

COAL LABOURERS CELEBRATE

INCREASED WAGES AGREED UPON

The Hongkong Coal Labourers' Association held a celebration yesterday in the Confucius Hall in connexion with the increased rates of pay fixed for coal handling in the harbour.

As a result of conferences between representatives of the importers, the principal stevedoring contractors, the sub-contractors, the chief coolies and the Labourers' Association, it has been arranged that importers will pay 25 per cent. more than existing rates for day work, and 50 per cent. more than existing rates for night work.

This will give the sub-contractors something to meet extra costs for boat hire and other incidentals and leave sufficient to meet the workers' demands for a percentage increase to cover the high cost of living.

The ten cent meals hitherto served to the workers will henceforth cost 15 cents. For night work 50 per cent. is added to the new daily rate. Notices giving details of the new rates have been authorised by the Labour Officer for posting in the boarding houses where the workers live.

MR. M. F. KEY

In a letter to the Chairman expressing regrets at his own inability to attend the function, Mr. M. F. Key, Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, expressed the hope that the increased money—as agreed in the scales published by the Labour Officer—will duly reach the workers.

"I may perhaps be allowed," went on Mr. Key, "to add that it is to be hoped that your Association will resist any efforts which may be made to disregard the agreed scales and to hold up the importers for special rates of payment whenever there happens to

Insp. F. D. B. Tuckett prosecuted, while defendant was represented by Mr. H. A. de Barros Botelho.

At the original hearing, complainant had stated in evidence that on June 26, after finishing school, he was approached by defendant and several others at First Street, and \$7.30 was demanded from him as fees to join a certain triad society. He refused, was threatened, but managed to escape. The next day, he again met defendant, who demanded this time only \$5.30, which he eventually gave to defendant after stealing C\$100 from his grandmother.

Defendant testified that on both days, he was working all day in his father's roast meat shop at No. 293, Queen's Road West.

That hearing was adjourned for defendant to call his witnesses.

WAS IN SHOP

Giving evidence yesterday, two employees of defendant's father's shop said that defendant was in the shop all the time on both days and did not leave the shop at all.

In his submission, Mr. Botelho said that he was handicapped by the fact that he came late into the case. Nevertheless, there were several suspicious features in the story of the prosecution, one of which was that complainant was a boy of 13.

Mr. Botelho suggested that the boy, after stealing the money from his grandmother and the theft discovered, mentioned at random the name of defendant, whom actually he did not know at all.

After citing several cases regarding evidence of children, Mr. Botelho said that it was dangerous to convict, since there was no corroboration of complainant's evidence.

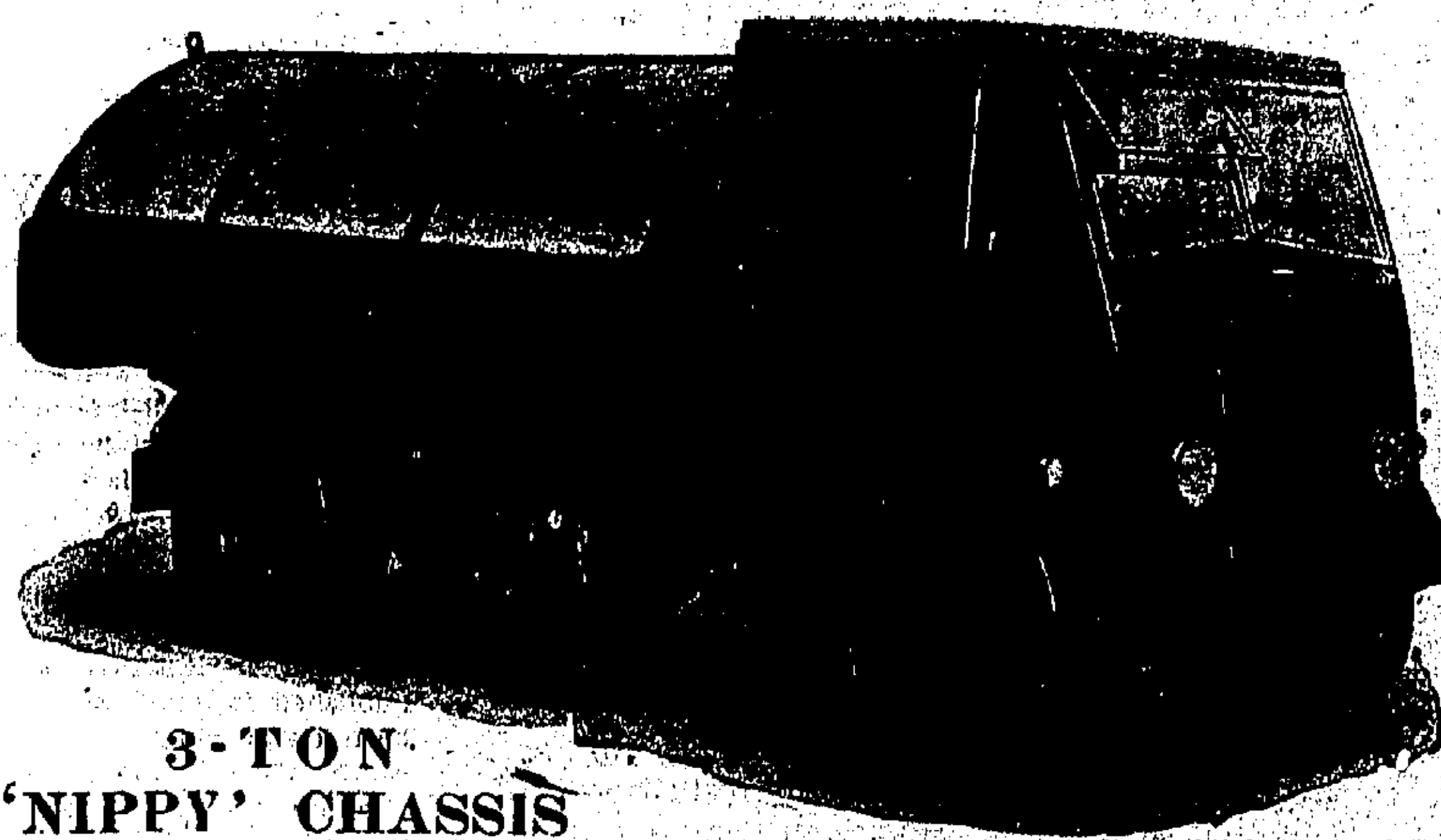
The hearing was then adjourned to today at 10.30 a.m.

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JAPAN'S MOVE

JAPAN'S demands on Indo-China, coming as they have done so closely on the heels of the installation of the new Japanese Cabinet in Tokyo, have given the impression abroad that swift developments in the Far East may now be expected and that Japan has at long last been forced to toe the line on orders from Berlin for her extended march of aggression in the Orient. Rumours and reports filed the air yesterday and tension appears to have been further aggravated by numerous conjectures which have been made as to the ultimate objective of the Japanese move in the neighbouring French colony. While details have not been forthcoming as to the real purpose and scope of the demands made by Japan, it is generally accepted that they cover an extension of their present hold in Northern Indo-China to practically the whole of the Colony. It is, of course, impossible to disregard the immense advantage which the Japanese will gain in securing full control in Indo-China and, knowing how completely the Judases in Vichy are under the influence of the Nazis, it is hardly surprising to learn that Marshal Petain has failed to reject the demands made by Japan for further facilities in that Colony.

What is extremely doubtful, however, is whether Japan, though ostensibly acting on Nazi instructions, will permit anything more than her own national interests and aspirations to guide her policy. Any immediate advantage which the Germans hope will result to them from this move is only so much wishful thinking at the moment. Japan probably felt convinced that she could obtain what she wants from Indo-China without resistance from Vichy and, therefore, that she would not clash with British and American interests. This, nevertheless, is exactly what the Germans are banking on, but once the Japanese are installed in Indo-China their main concern will undoubtedly turn in the direction of trying to use this benefit towards liquidating the so-called "China Incident," rather than advancing to the south and provoking a clash with Britain and America to please Germany. No one is more convinced than Japan is today that as long as her ill-conceived campaign against China re-

GILMAN COOLIE SENT TO GAOL

Stole Mail Addressed To Company

Complaints from coupon senders for samples of a certain patent medicine, of which Messrs. Gilman and Company were local agents, led to the arrest of a coolie employed by the company, Tam Kwun-chuk, 35, who was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday with larceny of three letters from letterbox No. 56 at the General Post Office on July 23.

Defendant admitted the charge. Mr. D. C. W. Fitches, Superintendent of Mails, prosecuting, said that sometime in June, Messrs. Gilman and Company advertised a certain patent medicine in some local Chinese vernacular news papers. A coupon was attached to the advertisement, stating that anyone returning it with 25 cents stamps would get a sample pack of the medicine.

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

Since the inauguration of this method, a number of complaints had been received by the Company of the non-delivery of the samples. For this reason, a close watch was kept on defendant, who collected mails from the post-office letterbox for the Company.

On Wednesday, defendant went as usual to collect letters. He was seen to take back to the office some letters and later go to an opium den, where he was arrested with three letters addressed to the Company in his possession.

Mr. Fitches added that defendant had been employed at Gilman's for the last eight years, at present earning \$33 a month. Defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

mains in being—and there is not the remotest possibility of the Japanese being able to terminate it to their slightest advantage—it would be suicidal to get herself involved in a major war with the western powers. There is consequently no reason for any undue alarm over the latest developments, though the situation will necessarily be keenly watched by Britain and the United States and all precautions taken against a Japanese move to the south.

NEWS SERVICES

FOR THE PAST twelve months nearly, the Hongkong Daily Press has been endeavouring, with considerable success, we must add, to give its readers the very latest news on international events to which, in view of the present troublous times, they are fully entitled. In order to keep our readers informed of every fresh development, we tried to add to our "regular channels" of news by publishing the latest news broadcasts as given out by the B.B.C. at various hours of the night. That our reading public appreciated our efforts is shown by the numerous complimentary messages we have received and even in tributes paid to us in the correspondence columns of our morning contemporary. Unfortunately, it appears that we have come up against vested interests here and at home and we have now been prevented from publishing the latest news via B.B.C. bulletins and have been restricted to publishing news through the so-called "regular channels," merely because the vested interests we spoke of feel that they are being beaten out of place and prefer to take the attitude of suppressing news from a reliable and official source. We regret that we have had to agree to this policy of dictatorship for the time being and we feel sure our readers, while appreciating our position, will feel as chagrined about it as we do and will know how to pass judgment on a situation which is out of keeping with all ideas of modern journalism which we have tried to maintain.

General Li Tsung Jen Attributes China's Strength To Spiritual Force

After four years of war, the Chinese Army has stopped cold the better equipped and trained enemy in his track thanks to the strength of the "national spirit," declared GENERAL LI TSUNG-JEN, hero of Taichewang fame.

General Li came to this conclusion after four years of field experience directing operations against the Japanese, especially in repeated engagements fought in the Hupeh and Honan area where he serves as Commander-in-Chief of the 5th War Zone.

Quoting General Von Ludendorff who emphasized in his total war that factor which consolidates strength of a nation, i.e. spiritual force which substantiates national existence in totalitarian war, General Li believes that China's military strength shown in this war is resultant from unified national spirit. This spirit has brought about Chinese military ascendancy and stopped the Japanese cold in their tracks and eventually it will bring about China's victory.

This unified national spirit in itself is the result of a number of factors. It grows first from a centralized thought—San Min Chu I (Three People's Principles)—goal of all efforts of the Chinese Revolution. This thought is the fountain of the revolutionary spirit which in turn resulted in revolution which overthrew the Manchurian Dynasty, the Northern Punitive Expedition and other historical events since the turn of the century. It has brought about new politics to this nation.

ONLY ITS INSTRUMENT

According to Gen. Von Clausewitz, General Li pointed out that politics, direction of brain and war are only its instrument. Since China has Three People's Principles and progressive politics resultant from the principles, she has forceful direction of brain which produces high morale, strong conviction and irresistible force.

Another factor of this spirit is the leader in the person of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. In him are centralized all national groups and symbolised the entire people. By him force is ably and expertly employed in the right moment. He is not an ordinary leader. He represents the interests of the entire nation and enjoys complete confidence of the 430,000,000 Chinese.

People are ready to stand by his flag under all circumstances and through all setbacks and hardships for he symbolizes the nation. With this spirit, China gained strength in the last four years. Numerically Chinese troops nearly doubled the pre-war amount. Qualitatively, a number of reforms and improvements have been completed during the hostilities. Their fighting quality has been improved with actual field experiences. The Chinese national spirit is gaining further momentum and brings China nearer to ultimate victory. (Central News).

Two Weddings At Registry

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiating:—

Alfred Edward Wickins, private employed at No. 2 Peak Mansions, Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipo, to Miss Cheung Chun-hoi, of No. 513 Nathan Road.

Mr. Chau Ying-lun, cook boy, employed at No. 2 Peak Mansions, and Miss Lo Yip-kwan, bottle washer of No. 34 Matauwei Road, second floor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced yesterday: Mr. Kit Yuen-chuen, film developer, of No. 1 Hyson Avenue, and Miss So Lal-ho, of No. 17 Poplar Street, Shamshuipo.

Mr. Wong Muk-sang, merchant, of No. 488 Un Chau Street, Shamshuipo, and Miss Tsang Kit-ching, of No. 2 Tung Chau Street, Shamshuipo.

MOTHER HIT BY SON

As a result of a wound which she sustained when, it was alleged, her son, Ng Yiu-chung, hit her over the head with a rice bowl, Wong Chun, 42, of No. 21 Old Bailey Street, ground floor, was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital last night for treatment.

About 11 o'clock last night, the woman summoned two Police Reservists and informed them of the incident whereupon the mother and son were taken to the Police station.

Asked by the Inspector-on-Duty whether she wanted her son charged, she replied that a caution would be enough.

YOUTH CAUGHT

While Chan Wai-fong, married woman, was lifting her little girl onto a tram at Des Voeux Road, Central, near the Sincere Co., she had her wrist watch allegedly snatched away by Ching Pun, 11-year-old youth.

An alarm was raised and a Police constable intercepted the youth.

Tells Why Anti-Chungking Criticisms Here Unjustified

A number of pertinent points on the Communist issue in China and the wider question of Democracy are clearly expressed by the well-known Chinese commentator, TA HUA LIEH SHIH, in an article in the latest issue of the "BIG WIND," popular vernacular fortnightly, characterising the anti-Chungking editorial campaign conducted by "certain elements" in Hongkong as unjustified.

The "certain elements" referred to have, in certain Chinese papers and also in "letters to the editor" published in some English papers, been clamouring for the abolition of the Kuomintang rule and the absolute guarantee for "people's rights." Recently, a Chinese magazine published a special number promoting a so-called "People's Rights Movement."

Answering these anti-Chungking charges, Commentator Ta Hua Lieh Shih declares that the Kuomintang, though not claiming full share of the merit, has actually in the past four years been leading the nation in its war of liberation with most fruitful results. China today, he says, has 5,000,000 troops on the front lines and 10,000,000 in reserve.

MOST UNTIMELY

The Communists charge the Government as undemocratic and want the Kuomintang rule abolished. The slogan, says the commentator, is high-sounding but most untimely. Could the Communists who have been agitating for more power more than contributing to the national cause, as witness the recent non-military co-operation in the Chungking-Shanghai blockade, shoulder the responsibility of waging a successful war, if the Kuomintang stepped down now?

The Communists, observes Ta Hua Lieh Shih, are in fact the most undemocratic party in China. Their actions have constantly betrayed their sugar-coated propaganda. Once they gain power, says the commentator, it is certain that they would not even permit members of the other parties to sit at the People's Political Council, much less the parallel existence of opposition parties.

People's rights, says the commentator, are certainly worth fighting for, but the target against which the fight should be waged is not the Chungking Government but Japan. Japan, he states, is trying not only to rob the Chinese people of their rights but also to deny China her national existence. It is, therefore, Japan whom all parties should fight in order that the Chinese people's rights may be permanently guaranteed.

Clanking their attacks on their own Government by twisting facts, thus fomenting party conflict as well as ill-feelings between the people and the Government, under the slogan of fighting for

GALA SHOWING OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCTION

GOVERNOR PRESENT AT THE KING'S

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., attended the gala performance at King's Theatre last night, in aid of the Bomber Fund, of the Charles Chauvel Australian film production "FORTY THOUSAND HORSEMEN."

The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the China Entertainment and Land Investment Company, Ltd., received His Excellency, who was accompanied by Captain S.H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C.

THE GUESTS

Among the many guests present were the Rt. Rev. N. Blindest, the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor and Lady MacGregor, Hon. Capt. A. C. Collinson, R.N., Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and Mrs. Smith, Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke and Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mrs. Pearce, Sir Vandeulaur and Lady Grayburn, Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Mrs. Lo, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas and Mrs. Tam, Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong and Mrs. Li, Mr. J. A. Fraser, Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Wen Yuan-ming, Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Chung, Mr. John H. Bruins, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Perdue, Mr. H. J. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Edmondson, Mr. W. J. Perry, Dr. S. W. T'ao, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. K. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. A. Gray, Mr. Kan Tung-po, Mr. Li Jowson, Mr. W. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. A. Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Raymond, Comdr. J. Jolly, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cock, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. E. Middleburg, Mr. Justice and Mrs. E. H. Williams, Mr. S. T. Williamson and many others.

THE FILM

The picture filmed at Botany, Bare Island and Burroughs Valley, Australia, stars two Australian players, Grant Taylor, from Melbourne, who is cast as "Red" Gallagher, and Betty Bryant, of Bondi, as Julie Rouget.

The story deals with the adventures of the men of the Australian Light Horse in Palestine during the last World War. There are scenes of action in the desert and of the lighter side of the Diggers' life—their escapades on leave in Cairo.

NEWSETTES

The marriage took place on April 14, at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, England, of Paymaster-Lieut. Robert Walton Bell, R.N., only surviving son of the late Paymaster Captain W. Bell, R.N., and Mrs. Bell, late of Newton Abbot, to Mary (Peter) Brock, youngest daughter of Mrs. Robert Brock.

The marriage took place on July 16, at the Cathedral of St. Michael, Tintagel, of Cecil William, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Macpherson of Ayr, Scotland, to Bridle, daughter of the late Martin O'Connell and Mrs. O'Connell of Killee, Co. Clare, Eire.

The death occurred on July 18, at his home of Mr. C. Eddie, 60 years of age. The funeral services were held at the Ah Lok Funeral Directors at the corner of Wutung and Seymour Roads, on July 19.

Hsu Wei-hsin, puppet magistrate of Lishui, in southern Kiangsu, 35 miles southeast of Nanking, was assassinated on July 13 by a member of his clan. Hsu had been bitterly hated in Lishui because he served the enemy and oppressed his fellow citizens.

Mr. K. P. Chen, Chairman of the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Board and General-Manager of the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, returned to Chungking on Tuesday morning by air from Hongkong. Mr. Chen was accompanied by Mr. Manuel Fox, American member of the Board.

A quantity of wire netting around the King George V Memorial Park at Jordan Road, Yuen-mai, was removed by some person or persons during the recent black-out exercises.

"People's rights." In the opinion of Ta Hua Lieh Shih, is a most unpatriotic thing to do in war time.

NAVAL COMMENTATOR PAYS FINE TRIBUTE TO WORK & MORALE OF DUTCH NAVY

"After the war, when the history of it comes to be written, the world will find that the Netherlands Navy has upheld the traditions that it has so ably earned," said LIEUT.-COMDR. THOMAS WOODRUFFE, B.B.C. naval commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday and paid a well deserved tribute to the activities of the Dutch Navy.

"I want to talk to you this week not about the Royal Navy, but about another service with traditions almost as old and quite as honourable as our own," began Comdr. Woodruffe. "And that is the Royal Netherlands Navy."

SURE OF VICTORY

"I have seen quite a lot of the Dutch Navy and I have got to know some of their officers. You will expect the Netherlands Navy to be efficient, but what struck me most was how cheerful the men are and how they never doubt that this war must end in victory for Britain and her allies. "They don't get into the news much, but the other day there was a report of a Dutch submarine sinking an enemy tanker in the Mediterranean. The Dutch Navy has been working with our navy and under our orders ever since Holland was overrun last year. Then the Dutch brought all the ships they could over here to carry on the struggle and the only ships they left behind were block ships in important channels.

"During the time they have been with us they have lost two of their ships and when a Dutch submarine comes into harbour after a spell of duty at sea, she uses one of our depot ships. Her men live on board the mess deck mixing with our own sailors and their officers live with ours in the ward rooms. Most of them speak English well and except for their uniforms, there is not much to tell that they don't belong to our own navy."

WONDERFUL MORALE

"But when our men go ashore on leave, they are in their own country. They go to their homes to see their wives and relatives and friends. This means a tremendous lot to crews when they have to carry out dangerous duties in submarines in wartime."

"But our Dutch allies are in a foreign country. Many of them don't even know what has happened to their families back in Holland and although the people in this country are very kind and hospitable, nothing can make up for their want of a home to go to. That is why I say that the efficiency and morale of the Dutch Navy is wonderful."

"In spite of the knowledge that their own country is now under the German jack-boot these men fight with a determination which is both grim and gay. The Dutch submarine service is one of great traditions. Before the war, in 1924, a Dutch scientist persuaded the Netherlands Government to let him carry out experiments in geological surveys from a submarine. "Not only do their submarines help us, but their Fleet Air Arm has flown hundreds of thousands of miles in protecting convoys across the Atlantic along with their ships. Their ships are also engaged in mine-sweeping work."

COMPLETELY AT HOME

"The Netherlands Navy has made itself at home here," continued Comdr. Woodruffe. "It has its own Admiralty and Naval Staff in London and it has its own naval college where its officers are trained. This college is like our own and when these men left their college in Holland, their instructors came with them. "They had left all their text books and instruments behind and in spite of the difficulties, one officer and a cadet went back to their college and brought away with them the colours of the college which had been presented to them by Queen Wilhelmina. These colours are now in their college in England where they are treated with the same reverence as our own. I was informed that they feel that the stay of these colours is only temporary and that they want these colours to fly in

the breeze again in their college in Holland.

DUTCH TRADITIONS

"Dutch traditions have been kept very much alive here. They have their own customs and discipline and their own way of doing things, except that they work under our orders. That is a state of affairs that has never happened before. When the Netherlands Navy goes back to its own home when peace comes there will be benefits from all this."

"The Royal Navy and the Netherlands Navy will be able to appreciate each other. After the war they will look upon this country as their second fatherland. We have always respected the sea service of that great maritime nation and that respect increases every day now that we are working close together."

"I cannot tell you more of the activities of the Netherlands Navy, but after the war, when its history comes to be written, the world will find that it upholds the traditions that it has so ably earned," concluded Comdr. Woodruffe.

GOVERNMENT PURCHASE OF SURPLUS RICE

As an additional measure to regulate food supply in the province, the Hunan Provincial Government has ordered government purchase of surplus rice.

Purchase will be first experimented in Huayung, Nanhshen, Anhsiang, Lihshen, Changteh, Hanchou, Yuanhsiang, Siangyin, Yiyang and Yinhshu, rich rice-producing centres, and, if successful, will be extended to all other helen in the province. It will be undertaken by the district governments under the supervision of the Hunan Food Control Bureau.

Surplus rice may be sold to the government purchasing offices which will issue receipts with the values indicated. The receipts may be produced at the Hunan Provincial Bank or its branches to demand payment.

Surplus rice must be sold to the government before the end of October. Owners who do not sell their stocks to the government before that date or purposely hoard them for profiteering, will be punished according to the Regulations Governing Punishment for Contravening Food Control in Emergency Time.—(Central News).

TO HEAD RIVER CONSERVANCY COMMISSION

The Executive Yuan has decided to inaugurate a National Water Conservancy Commission with Mr. Hsueh Tu-pi as Chairman and the Ministers and Chairmen of the relevant Ministries and Commissions as members.

The new Commission, according to the paper, will assume control over the Yellow, Yangtze, Pearl and Hwai Rivers conservancy work. Born in 1892, Mr. Hsueh is a native of Chihhsien, Shansi. He served successively as officiating Minister of Justice, 1924-26; Civil Governor of Kansu, Minister of Interior and of Public Health, 1928-29, State Councillor of the National Government, 1932, and a member of the Central Executive Committee since July 1938. Mr. Hsueh has been a legal practitioner in Shanghai since January, 1933.—(Central News).

NEW EXCHANGE REGULATIONS

TIENHSIN, July 24 (Reuter).—With the changed international situation affecting foreign trade, the North China Federal Reserve Bank is enforcing new exchange regulations by which exports from North China will be permissible in future in return for imports of equal value of which it is now required, according to reports from Japanese sources.

NEWSPAPERS IN WARTIME: PURVEYORS OF NEWS AND BAROMETERS OF OPINION

Some interesting facts regarding the publication of newspaper in time of war in England were given in the course of a broadcast discussion on the subject from London on Wednesday between Sir Frederick Whyte, K.C.S.I., and former political adviser to the Chinese National Government, and Mr. Gerald Reid Barry, editor of the London News Chronicle.

Sir Frederick opened the discussion by referring to the paper rationing which is now in force in Britain and suggesting that with the disruption of traffic and other services, the task of satisfying the reading public must be very difficult.

PAPER SHORTAGE

Mr. Barry replied that there was no doubt that the paper shortage was a severe restriction on newspapers and most of them had come down to four pages a day.

Sir Frederick argued that a newspaper still had to give the public the news and express public opinion. Both these were vital in peace time and more vital in war.

Mr. Barry said that a newspaper was not only a purveyor of news, but a barometer of public opinion as well and the rise and fall of the barometer of public opinion was reflected in the rise and fall of events which were taking place today. They were however being compelled to reduce feature articles, but at the same time retaining as much variety in the paper as possible.

NEWS CENTRES

Sir Frederick in peace time you can send your men out to the four corners of the earth seeking news. You cannot do that in wartime, can you?

Mr. Barry: No, not as freely, but centres of news have shifted and there are still bottle-necks from which news comes to us such as Switzerland and Cairo. The trained foreign correspondent, of course, has his means of contact and it is the best news he can get that he sends out to his newspaper by radio and cable.

In reply to Sir Frederick as to whether the risks of getting news like this had not increased in wartime, Mr. Barry declared that in wartime there were political risks and physical risks to be overcome.

CENSORSHIP

Sir Frederick next turned to the question of censorship and asked Mr. Barry how much trouble this censorship of news gave newspapers once the news managed to reach the country.

Mr. Barry: Before the war there was a good deal of trouble, but now not so much.

Mr. Barry added that correspondents had now learned exactly what newspapers required and so far the censorship had been more or less voluntary. Censorship made no decision whether news was wanted or not.

Sir Frederick: I suppose one may infer that newspapers understand their job without being dictated to by the Government.

Mr. Barry: Yes, but with this important reservation—the question of national security.

Sir Frederick ventured the comment that that aspect of the subject would never appeal to the man in the street. The advertiser would never stop to think that by making some statement or other he might be giving away something of importance.

Mr. Barry declared that in his own case he had never had occasion to submit one single line for censorship.

FREE AS EVER

Sir Frederick: That means that the British newspaper is practically as free as ever it was even in wartime?

Mr. Barry: Practically free, but then we act as our own censors and the individual judgment of our editors acts as an official force.

Sir Frederick: I certainly take my hat off to the editors who have to discriminate between the danger of saying too much and the risk of saying too little.

Mr. Barry: I think the press has remained free because of the strength of our democracy.

Mr. Barry next referred to the necessity that had arisen to raise advertising rates and to the tremendous rise in the cost of paper from £10 or £11 per ton to something like £28 per ton.

He added that circulation had not been much affected because of the public desire for news.

B.B.C. NEWS

Sir Frederick: Here is another point I wish to bring up. I am sure that there are many thousands who prefer to listen in to the radio news bulletins which are now given three or four times a day.

Mr. Barry: Well, some people think that the B.B.C. is a dangerous competitor to the press, but personally I don't think so. In the case of news you must remember that the B.B.C. only gives the outlines of the news, while the papers give the full details.

Sir Frederick suggested that there might come a time when the B.B.C. and newspapers would have to work together.

Before concluding their discussion, Mr. Barry indicated that the reduction in the size of newspapers had meant a proportionate reduction in the editorial staffs. They now had to go to press earlier as deliveries had to be maintained no matter what happened and in that connexion he paid a fine tribute to the men who were responsible for conveying the newspapers to the stations night after night and those who delivered them to the stores from which they were sold to the public.

Sir Frederick: I wonder whether the public ever think of that when they read their papers in the morning?

INVASION BY DESERT LOCUSTS

MIDDLE EAST THREATENED

LONDON, July 24 (Reuters)—An invasion by large swarms of desert locusts threatens the Middle East. The swarming is at present confined to parts of the Nile Valley, of Upper Egypt, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Hadramaut, Yemen and Aden Protectorate, but experts believe that a new cycle of invasion may affect the Sudan, Egypt, Eritrea, Abyssinia, Arabia, Trans-Jordan, Palestine and Syria with further threats to Kenya, Iraq and Iran.

Desert locusts have not been known for six years but last winter conditions in the Red Sea area were particularly suitable for breeding.

Experts consider that the trouble could have been averted had effective control measures been taken in the coastal areas of Arabia and Eritrea, but owing to war conditions, however, the only danger areas watched were Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and Egypt.

ITALO-BULGARIAN CONVERSATIONS

ZURICH, July 24 (Reuters)—The fate of Greece is forming the chief subject of Italian-Bulgarian conversations which are taking place in Rome, according to the Rome correspondent of the Tribune de Geneve.

The correspondent says: "Italy, which is finding the occupation of Greece a pure burden owing to war devastation and economic disorganisation, is obliged to husband her own resources in view of the expectation of a very hard winter."

"Italy is therefore, proposing that Bulgaria should share the task of keeping Greece alive and reconstructing the country."

LONDON, July 24 (BWS)—D-boats have been learning a healthy respect for the defensively armed merchantmen which they attack. They are constantly being taught the lesson that men of the British merchant navy stick to the last.

Japanese Warships Are Standing By

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On Indo-China, says: "As an excuse for this latest piece of banditry, Japan is resorting once again to the threadbare Axis tactic of pretending that it is necessary to forestall the alleged British designs."

"It should hardly have needed Mr. Eden's categorical repudiation to convince Vichy that this is a mischievous lie invented by Tokyo for Tokyo's own ends. Yet Vichy apparently prefers to believe that it is Britain not Japan who is about to commit aggression against Indo-China and put into the mouth of its radio commentator a statement that this would be an 'unutterable act of piracy by a Britain who seems bent on launching attacks on the colonies of her old ally'."

"Once more, it appears as if Marshal Petain's pledge to protect the French Empire is a pledge never to be honoured except when, as in Syria, Britain intends to eject the Axis intruders whom Vichy openly aided and abetted."

ACT OF AGGRESSION

"If and when Japan proceeds to the occupation of Indo-China whether or not with the connivance of Vichy, it will be an act of aggression against Britain which will not be without the means of an effective reprisal."

"It is obvious that Japan's primary purpose in Indo-China is to use it as a jumping-off point for eventual military designs on British, Dutch and American interests and possessions in Western Pacific. The aspect of the situation is unlikely to be lost upon any one of these intended victims."

The YORKSHIRE POST, in a leader, says: "We shall pay no attention to the claims that the Japanese are acting with French consent."

"The Japanese want to organise Indo-China as a base for possible operations at some promising future date against the Dutch East Indies, British Malaya and possibly Thailand."

ULTIMATE GOAL

"The mastery of the vast Pacific area, stretching from Singapore through Hongkong and the Philippines to Australia, is their ultimate goal. That is what their talk of the East Asia co-prosperity sphere means."

"It is, therefore, certain that whatever Japan does in Indo-China will not be watched with indifference either by London or Washington."

The SCOTSMAN, in a leader, says: "Neither Britain nor the United States could be indifferent to the Japanese occupation of Indo-China or even of the selected key-points in that country."

"It would be interpreted as the first move in policy, the end of which was Japanese domination in that quarter of the Pacific ocean."

"It is a threatening situation but not one that needs, in the meantime, be taken too seriously."

"Japan is in no position to invite battle with a powerful adversary."

The LIVERPOOL DAILY POST says: "One would look for some caution from calculating people like the Japanese, but the militarists and Imperialists are evidently in complete control in Tokyo and as experience has shown, there is hardly a limit to their ambitions."

CHINA'S ATTITUDE

CHUNGKING, July 24 (Central)—Rear-Admiral Yang Hsuan-cheng, Director of the 2nd Department of the War Operations Board, said at the special Press conference yesterday evening that China's attitude toward the situation in French Indo-China remains the same as announced in the statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on June 23, 1940, wherein the then Foreign Minister Dr. Wang Chung-hui declared that China will take all measures of self-defence in case she feels her security threatened by a Japanese move against French Indo-China.

BOOKINGS CANCELLED

SHANGHAI, July 24 (Reuters)—Following the suspension of visas as announced yesterday the Japanese authorities are now reported to have cancelled all local and foreign bookings for Japan indefinitely regardless of nationality.

All foreign passengers on the Kobe Maru, including many Axis nationals, were turned back this morning just before the ship's departure, being told that no foreigners would be allowed to go to Japan until further notice.

ISSUED AS USUAL.

COMPLETE CALM

SINGAPORE, July 24 (Reuters)—Press comment hinting at the possibility—in some cases even probability—that Britain and America would declare war against Japan if South Indo-China is occupied, is received with complete calm in Singapore.

Official circles, both civil and military, decline to comment on London hints of an Anglo-American declaration of war, but suggest that official reaction could not be better expressed than was by Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham in his interview with Reuters on July 16 when he said: "We are fully prepared, come what may. We are confident that whatever the British forces in the Far East may be called upon to perform, they will not find us wanting."

GENUINELY RELIEVED

The man-in-the-street seems genuinely relieved that the stage is apparently reaching where action will materialise and he is no longer perpetually harassed by war nerves.

The general feeling, however, is that the die is not definitely cast, and that it would not be cast until the terms of the Indo-China settlement are known.

It is expected the final nature of British action will be gauged in accordance with the extent to which Indo-China made over to the Japanese and in consultation with other members of the ABCD front, principally America and the N.E.I.

A WARNING

CHUNGKING, July 24 (Reuters)—A warning to Britain and the United States not to underestimate the importance of Japan's next move in the Pacific is sounded by Chinese circles who believe that after the occupation of Southern Indo-China, the Japanese Army will push to Thailand and to Burma, threatening to take Singapore from the rear.

It is also believed that the Japanese will attack the Soviet as soon as the Germans capture Moscow.

AGREEMENT REACHED

LONDON, July 24 (Reuters)—According to the New York Press, the Japanese Embassy spokesman has announced that a report has been received that an agreement has been reached between Vichy and Tokyo regarding Indo-China.

The HERALD-TRIBUNE's Washington correspondent says that he learned from well-informed quarters that there was no ultimatum and Admiral Darlan merely notified Japan of the acceptance of their demands "to safeguard French sovereignty."

It is stated in Washington that foreign Consulates at Saigon have been notified by their representatives at Hanoi that they have been advised by the Indo-China Government of the French-Japanese agreement granting Japan certain naval and military concessions in the southern part of the Colony.

Japanese newspapers are intensifying their campaign against Britain and Tokyo journals continue to print exaggerated accounts of the allegation that Britain and Free France were contemplating an invasion of Indo-China, says Reuters from London.

CANTERBURY AND COMMUNISTS

LONDON, July 24 (Reuters)—"We must wish every success to the valiant Russian armies and people in their struggle and be ready to give them every possible assistance," writes the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Canterbury Diocesan gazette.

It may seem strange to combine an alliance with Bolshevik Russia with the claim that we are contending for Christian civilisation, says the Primate, but such ingivings are really misplaced for the struggle is to overthrow the evil embodied in the rulers of Germany, a Nazi victory would destroy any tolerable form of government and the Soviets are contending for the principles of national freedom and independence.

THREE-PRONGED JAPANESE DRIVE IN HONAN REPULSED

CHUNGKING, July 24 (Central)—Losses in men and materials were sustained by the Japanese on many fronts in Central and North China, according to field dispatches received here.

In southern Shansi, a 3-column Japanese attack from Jui-cheng and Mallancheng near the Honan border on July 18 was repulsed with over 200 casualties. The Chinese also captured quantities of arms.

In Shantung, 3,000 Japanese troops from Tsinan recently launched an attack on the Chinese in eastern Shantung but met with a similar fate. Some 40 casualties were sustained.

In the Fengmengow area in northern Honan, the Chinese captured sizable war booty from the Japanese including dozens of rifles, numerous horses and arms of various descriptions.

A serious clash was fought between the Chinese and Japanese troops near Wangyima, a point south-west of Tsinan, in northern Honan, on July 21 resulting in over 100 Japanese killed.

SURPRISE ATTACK

In southern Anhwei, a Chinese mobile column made a surprise night attack on the Japanese at Tsungzupeng, south-east of Yinkiaohwei (15 miles above Kwelchih) on July 20. A severe encounter followed and lasted till the following morning when the Chinese retired after having decimated the Japanese garrison.

Another Chinese unit the same night raided Japanese communications near Kwelchih on the southern bank of the Yangtze. Several sections of highways were destroyed and over 150 kilograms of telegraph wires torn down.

PACIFIC TENSION

AMERICA WATCHING JAPANESE MOVES

WASHINGTON, July 24 (Central)—Conflicting reports received in Washington from London, Tokyo and Shanghai regarding the latest Japanese moves and intentions in the Far East which have not been clarified are treated with the greatest reserve in official circles.

Although President Roosevelt and Mr. Sumner Welles, the Under-Secretary of State, declined to comment on the reported new Japanese aggressive moves, the President announced at his Press conference that he considered "significant" that Tokyo has clamped down new censorship on radio and cable messages from Japan.

Mr. Roosevelt refused to elaborate his opinions on the Far Eastern tension but it is learned that he conferred at length with Mr. Welles and Senator George B. Brewster, brought the matter to the attention of the Chinese Mayor.

During these operations, one coastal vessel was sunk and another was damaged.

Other Blenheims, escorted by a strong force of fighters, bombed objectives near Saint Omer early in the afternoon.

British fighters encountered a number of enemy fighters and destroyed five of them.

British losses in all these operations were five bombers and five fighters, but the pilot of one fighter is safe.

JAPAN'S NEXT MOVE

Dependent On U.S. Attitude

Commenting on the third Konoye Cabinet, the SAO TANG PAO says that the future of the Japanese move is entirely dependent upon the American attitude. "If the United States attitude henceforth become stern," the paper believes, "Japan may not dare to move; otherwise Japan will invade Russia."

The Sao Tang Pao says that the Anglo-Soviet mutual assistance pact is the principal cause of the collapse of the second Konoye Cabinet because once Britain and Russia mutually assist each other, there is a possibility of the United States also assisting Russia making impossible a Japanese attack against Russia. Therefore, the extremists forced the second Konoye Cabinet to resign.

However, it is said that the third Konoye Cabinet is still executing the anti-Russia policy, for which reason the United States' attitude is most important. In other words, if the United States' attitude toward Japan weakens, Japan will invade Russia.

CAIRO, July 24 (Reuters)—An enemy patrol raid was made at Tobruk last night when British troops penetrated to a considerable depth but no serious clash with the enemy occurred. A few casualties were inflicted.

British Policy Towards Spain

EDEN HINTS AT A CHANGE

British policy towards Spain may have to be changed.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, declared during question time in the House of Commons yesterday that the British Government may be unable to proceed with her policy of assisting the economic recovery of Spain, says Reuters.

Since the termination of the Spanish Civil War, the British Government had been most anxious to help the Spanish people in their work of reconstruction and to this end the British Government had loaned Spain last year £4,000,000 and a further £2,500,000 later for food and raw materials.

MISUNDERSTANDING

Mr. Eden said that the British Government had now noted that General Franco, in the course of a speech on July 17, displayed a complete misunderstanding not only of the general war situation but of British economic policy towards Spain.

Gen. Franco's statement made it appear that he did not desire further economic help and Britain's future policy towards Spain would depend on the action and attitude of the Spanish Government.

GRANT NAVICERTS

In the course of his statement, Mr. Eden said: "On July 30 last year, the Minister of Economic Warfare stated that it was not the British policy to extend the blockade to neutral countries so long as supplies could reach those countries without the risk of their falling into the hands of the enemy; that Britain was prepared to grant navicerts on such a scale as to allow imports adequate for domestic consumption and further that it was the policy of the British Government, not merely to allow such supplies to pass through the British controls but also to assist neutral countries to obtain them."

SAFETY OF EGYPT ASSURED

LONDON, July 24 (Reuters)—"The position in the Middle East has been transformed as if by a miracle," said the Nawab of Rampore in a statement issued yesterday and quoted by the Madras radio.

"Following the suppression of the Iraq revolt, Nazi domination of the Vichy administration in Syria has been checked and the safety of Egypt assured. It is a grand thought for all Moslems that such should be the position today as compared with what we feared two months ago."

BRITON'S FLAT SYSTEMATICALLY WRECKED

Japanese Deny All Knowledge Of Hankow Incident

SHANGHAI, July 24 (Reuters)—The flat of Mr. H. J. Archibald, who published the CENTRAL CHINA POST and is Reuters's acting manager, was systematically wrecked when it was raided on Monday by a Chinese mob who smashed up all the furniture and destroyed the fans and lights and then abducted Mr. Archibald's cook-boy and Chinese nurse, according to latest advices from Shanghai.

Mr. Archibald himself was absent.

"STRIKING" WORKMEN

The raiders, comprising "striking" Central China Post workmen and unidentified Chinese believed to be connected with the Social Bureau and allegedly accompanied by several plainclothes Japanese who are reported to have detained the Sikh watchman while the raid was progressing, threatening to shoot if he raised an outcry.

It is learned the Japanese authorities in Hankow deny all knowledge of the incident and point out it was a "purely Chinese affair."

After being advised of the raid, Mr. Davidson, the British Consul-General interviewed the Japanese Consul-General while the Vice-Consul, Mr. Brewis, brought the matter to the attention of the Chinese Mayor.

ENEMY SHIPPING ATTACKED

R.A.F. LOSE TEN AIRCRAFT

LONDON, July 24 (Reuters)—Blenheim bombers were out yesterday morning and afternoon searching for enemy shipping off the coast of France and the Low Countries, states the Air Ministry.

During these operations, one coastal vessel was sunk and another was damaged.

Other Blenheims, escorted by a strong force of fighters, bombed objectives near Saint Omer early in the afternoon.

British fighters encountered a number of enemy fighters and destroyed five of them.

British losses in all these operations were five bombers and five fighters, but the pilot of one fighter is safe.

HUGE JAPANESE NAVAL FORCE HEADED SOUTH

CHUNGKING, July 24 (Reuters)—While Japan has been presenting demands for air and naval bases in southern Indo-China, Japanese warships and troop transports have been moving south, according to a statement by the Chief of Intelligence Department of the Chinese Army at a Press conference yesterday.

He stated that seven Japanese warships, three aircraft carriers and 55 destroyers were sighted off Kiusiu in southern Japan on Tuesday steaming south.

Thirty transports escorted by three warships had also been seen steaming south from Canton.

Japanese demands to Vichy include the "use of Camranh Bay as a naval base, the use of Saigon as an air base, and the garrisoning of troops in southern Indo-China" according to a Chinese spokesman who said that he was quoting from a cable from Vichy dated last Monday.

He added that at present the Vichy Government were refusing the Japanese demands.

Questioned about what action China would take in the event of a Japanese invasion of southern Indo-China, the spokesman said that China would take all the necessary measures for her self-defence.

SHANGHAI, July 24 (Reuters)—The Japanese are carrying out military mobilisation on a scale never seen before, according to reports reaching Shanghai. A thousand conscripts, previously classed as unfit for active service, have been mobilised, it is stated, while many who had been discharged after service in China have again been called up.

Members of the Japanese community in Shanghai have also been called up and are leaving for Japan.

Reports received in Chungking say that three classes of reservists have already been mobilised in Japan, while motor vehicles are being requisitioned.

According to one report, Japan will move against French Indo-China on Friday.

AUXILIARY NURSING SERVICE

The undermentioned members have now completed their 96 hours hospital training in the wards and gained their proficiency certificate:—

Florence Allison, Helen Aycock, Vivienne Blackburn, Doris Brooks, Florence Cartwright, Winifred Deane, Alice Gibson, Louisa Holloway, Jessie Knox, Clare Marsh, Milnes Rackovsky, Mabel Sully, Mary, Henrietta Jernakoff, Mary

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Friday, the 25th July, 1941

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comprising:

Teakwood Drawing Room, Dining Room, Bed Room and Office Furniture, Wardrobe and Cabin Trunks, Ornaments, Cutlery, Pictures, Clocks, Gramophones and Records, E. P., Brass, Glass and Porcelain Ware, Cooking Utensils, etc., etc.

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A FEW PIECES OF BLACKWOOD FURNITURE

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- 1 "Remington" Typewriter
- 1 Electrical Guitar with case
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On View from Thursday, the 24th July, 1941.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

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Saturday, the 26th July, 1941

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at their Sales Room, No. 2, Con-naught Road, Central, Room No. 205, Second Floor.

ONE FULL SIZE ENGLISH BILLIARD TABLE AND ACCESSORIES

also

- 2 Sets Utility Air Conditioners
- 3 Pies Ply Hose 2 1/4" x 3-173 ft.
- 2 Samson's Rubber Bladed Fans
- 2 " " " Autofans
- 3 " " Coffee Makers
- 1 " " Combination
- 1 " " Waffle Iron
- 1 " " Curling Iron
- 1 " " Stove
- 1 Neptune Outboard Motor 1 1/4 H.P.
- 1 Lejay Electric Outboard 1 1/4 H.P.
- and
- 5 Pies Spun Rayon*
- 2 Pies Black Velvet*
- *More or less damaged

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THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Marshal in Prize, Courts of Justice,

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Saturday, the 26th July, 1941

commencing at 11 a.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Con-naught Road, Central, Room No. 205, Second Floor.

- 50 Bottles Bayer's Uron Tablets
- 300 Bottles Bayer's Gardan Tablets
- 200 Bottles Veramon Tablets

and

- 1 Parcel Artificial Silk Ribbons

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

CHEMICAL
INDUSTRY IN
FREE CHINA

The CHINA TIMES (Shih Shih Hsin Pao) reported that the Ministry of Economic Affairs is developing the Government and private chemical industry which is making headway in Free China. The paper said that a programme has been drawn up for the increased production of liquid fuel, cement, dyestuff, etc. It is revealed that leather production is expected to exceed 100,000 tons yearly. (Central News).

SHAMSHUIPO ROBBERY:
PRISON AND "CAT":
14TH CONVICTION

Found guilty on a charge of having committed a robbery at a house at Chuk Yuen Village, Shamshui, on May 25, KONG KWOK-CHEUNG, alias Kong Hing-hei, 28, was sentenced to three years' hard labour, and 12 strokes of the "cat", by Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cresswell at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

A third accused, LAI MUI, 28, anonymously found accused guilty of who had previously pleaded guilty to the same charge was also sentenced to a similar term of imprisonment with 12 strokes of the "cat".

At the hearing yesterday, the first accused, KONG SIU-SANG, who had previously pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful possession of a revolver, also pleaded guilty to the charge of robbery. The second count against accused that of receiving stolen property, was withdrawn by the Crown.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, assisted by Chief Det. Insp. A. E. Carey, while the Jury empanelled was Messrs. E. S. Hall (Foreman), F. M. Xavier, Hooi Yit-beng, Tong Man-fu, N. E. Broadbridge, N. M. Pavri and Tang Yau-ling.

Mr. Murphy said that about 3 a.m. Lai Shu-ying, a woman inmate of the house, was awakened by the barking of dogs and saw two men one of whom put a hand over her mouth. She also saw another two men, one armed with a revolver and another with a chopper. She was searched by accused.

HOUSE RANSACKED

The house was ransacked and various articles of clothing were stolen. Before leaving, the robbers bound and gagged Lai.

Accused was arrested on May 29 at Reclamation Street and tried to escape on seeing the police party approaching but was caught. At an identification parade held at Shamshui station on May 30 Lai identified accused as one of the robbers.

Without retiring, the Jury un-

ROUND THE
POLICE
COURTS
AT CENTRAL

MURDER CHARGE

Chan Tang, 31, odd-job electrician, of No. 15, Sai Woo Street, first floor, was remanded until Saturday for further enquiries by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., yesterday on a charge of having, together with others not in custody, murdered Chung Ngau, alias Chung Kwok-hung, at the junction of First Street and Western Street, West Point, on July 14.

Det. Sub-Insp. C. T. Byron is in charge of the case.

CANING FOR SNATCHER

Pleading guilty to stealing from the person of Leung Mui, 20, woman, of No. 24, Boundary Street, third floor, a purse containing \$1.07 at Queen's Road West, near Whitty Street, Choi Chik-ying, 21, unemployed, was remanded for 24 hours by Mr. Sheldon yesterday for medical examination to see whether he was fit for caning.

It was stated that defendant had one previous conviction.

Sgt. F. Roberts prosecuted.

ROBBED CO-TENANT

A 45-year-old married woman, Wu Yuk-chi, of No. 4, Bridges Street, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday for larceny from her co-tenant, Mak Tao, 25, married woman, of money, jewellery, and clothing to the total value of \$500 on July 22.

Sgt. W. J. Wall, prosecuting, said that only \$70 and a gold ring were not recovered.

OBSTRUCTED CONSTABLE

"I am a Catholic and I don't tell lies," said a 57-year-old married woman, Lam Yau, when giving evidence before Mr. Sheldon yesterday denying a charge of having obstructed Police Constable D174, Tao Chih-yi, in the execution of his duty at Government Plantation No. 1A on the hillside above Pokfulam Road on July 24, by giving warning to unlawful woodcutters of his approach.

Convicted of the charge, defendant, who admitted three previous convictions for forestry offences, was fined \$20 or one month's hard labour.

Sgt. Stewart prosecuted.

AT KOWLOON

UNEMPLOYED FINED

A home-made chisel was found on the person of Wu Chai, 45, unemployed, when he was searched by Sgt. F. G. Appleton who was on duty at Chi Wo Street near Nanking Street, about 1.15 a.m. on July 24, as a result of which he was charged before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday with possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose.

Accused was fined \$20 or 14 days.

THEFT OF RICE

Pui Yee, 31, unemployed, of No. 14 Reclamation Street, third floor, appeared before Mr. Macnamara yesterday charged with larceny of a quantity of rice valued at 15 cents from a basket at the doorway of No. 10 Hamilton Street, ground floor, on July 23.

Accused, who had three previous convictions, was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Sgt. J. G. Whitcroft prosecuted.

JUVENILE SNATCHER

A 15-year-old juvenile was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Mr. Macnamara yesterday.

Y'S MEN'S CLUB
TIFFINInteresting Talk On
"Yi Hsing Pottery"

An interesting address on "Yi Hsing Pottery" was given yesterday before the weekly tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club by Mr. Lee King-hong.

The coloured clays that gave their name to the pottery were discovered in Hsu Hill in Yi Hsing district, Southern Kiangsu, about 1505 A.D., the speaker explained.

The clays were utilised in the first place for the production of hand-made teapots and then of other innumerable objects, such as flower pots and vases, teacups and trays, incense burners, water wells, jars, etc.

The clays have best been known since the 18th century, however, for the Yi Hsing teapots made from them. These were famed throughout the country for their special suitability as receptacles for brewing tea.

ARTISTIC DESIGNS

Scholars took a keen interest in the teapots and had them made in a variety of shapes with flower and fruit and other artistic designs glazed into the finished object to attract the eye.

Noted scholars wrote poetry for inscription on the teapots, some of which bear also the chops of these celebrated master of verse.

Such became the popularity of the teapots in due course that by the end of the Ming Dynasty two special books had been written on them, and three new works on the subject made their appearance in the following dynasty.

Mr. Lee, who with Mr. K. C. Cheung wrote himself a book on the Yi Hsing Teapots, which was published in 1937, traced also the development of Yi Hsing Pottery from 1505 to the end of the Manchu dynasty.

Mr. Chan Kwang-po thanked the speaker.

SPORE GREETINGS

Among those present at the meeting was Mr. Walter Hamming Chen, recently returned from Singapore. Mr. Chen told Hongkong's Y's Men of his visit to the Singapore Y's Men's Club when he had been asked to convey to them the greetings of Dr. Loh Poo-ling, the President, Mr. Peter Kwok, Dr. A. B. Yap and other Singapore Y's Men.

Mr. Chen is shortly leaving Singapore to take up an appointment with the Malaya Tribune.

when he was charged with the larceny of a pair of ear-rings from Tang Yung, 38, married woman, of No. 82, Wooding Street, on July 22.

It was stated that complainant, about 10 a.m. on the day in question, was about to go up to her house when defendant suddenly snatched the ear-rings from her and ran away. She raised the alarm and defendant was arrested by a Police constable.

Defendant had two previous convictions.

CASE REMANDED

Leung Cheung-ping, 33, unemployed, of No. 82 Tai Nam Street, second floor, appeared before Mr. Macnamara yesterday charged with being a member of the "Tsuen Hing Yee Triad Society," which is an unlawful society, on July 19, and was remanded 24 hours.

Det. Sgt. H. Baldwin is in charge of the case.

ASSAULTED BUS CONDUCTOR

For assaulting the conductor of bus No. 385 on which he was travelling in Salisbury Rd. on Wednesday morning because it was alleged, he resented being told not to obstruct the doorway, Li Fuk, 27, diver, of No. 901A Reclamation

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SUNDAY AT LEE THEATRE

Street, first floor, was fined \$10 or 14 days by Mr. Anderson yesterday. It was stated that when the bus reached Salisbury Road, accused got off and as he did so he was alleged to have punched the conductor and ran away. Complainant gave chase, but accused was intercepted by a postman.

D. O. SOUTH

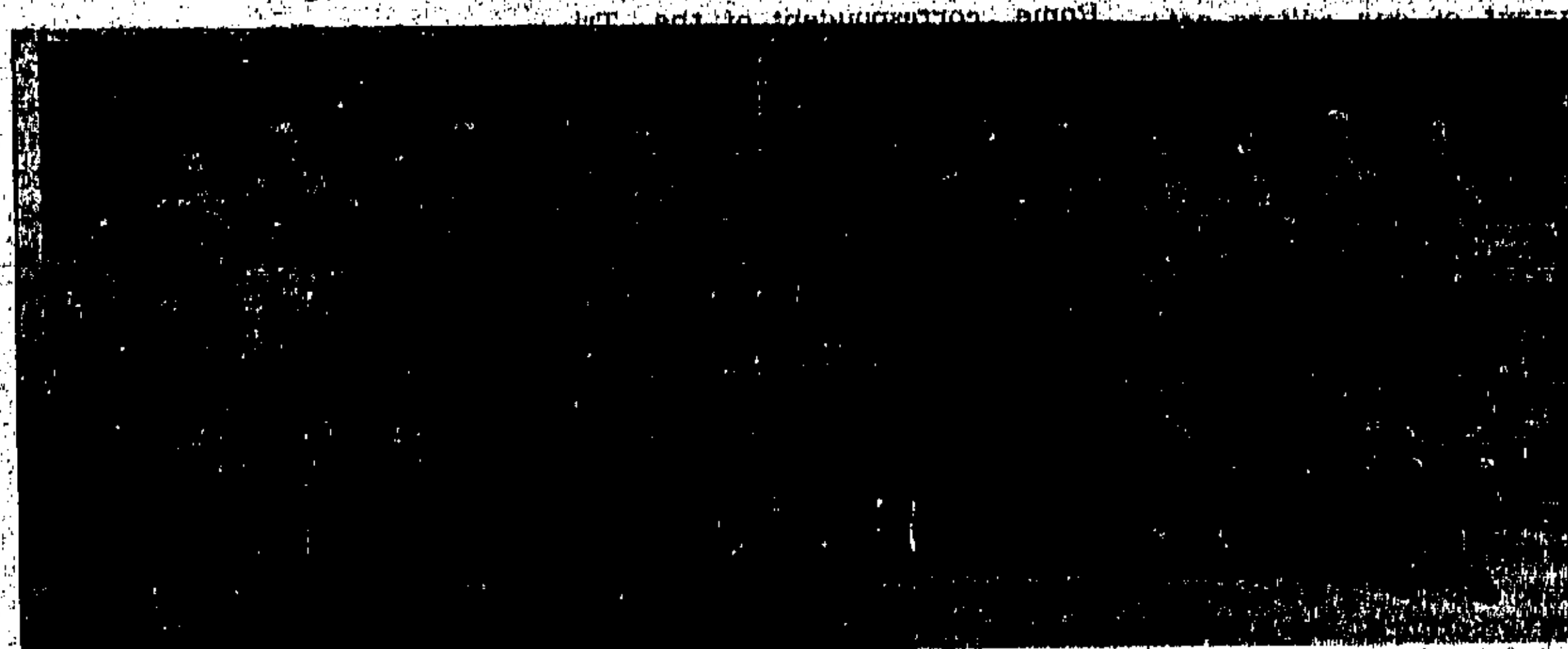
WILD TREE WOOD
Chung Kin was fined \$5, or one

week's hard labour, by Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday when he pleaded guilty to the charge of possession of 40 catties wild tree wood at Shing Mun Road, near Castle Peak Road, Tsun Wan, on July 23.

THEFT OF IRON

For the larceny of one piece of iron from the barricades at Shing Mun Road, Tsun Wan, the property of the Military Authorities, on Wednesday, Chan Sing was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour to be followed by expulsion.

CHINA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS



The staff of China Command Headquarters photographed with Major-General A. E. Grant (seated in centre of front row) on the occasion of his relinquishing the appointment of G.O.C. the British Troops in China. He has been succeeded by Major-General G. M. Malby, M.C. who arrived last week. (King's Studio)

ANGLO-CHINESE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY ESTABLISHED

LONDON, July 24 (Central)—Following the announcement of the establishment of an Anglo-Chinese Development Company at the China Campaign Committee luncheon on Tuesday, the Board of Directors of the Company held a meeting at which the following decisions were taken:

LABOUR UNREST IN FRANCE

Moscow Blamed For Disturbances

ZURICH, July 24 (Reuter)—Commenting on Moscow broadcasts inciting French workers to strike and sabotage, the National Zeitung says that widespread strike movements have been attempted among textile workers and coal-miners in Northern France but they were instantly throttled by the occupation authorities who closed food shops and prevented the sale of food to strikers.

The Vichy authorities have a harder task to prevent strikes as they are reluctant to use similar drastic measures.

In the unoccupied zone, "starved" strikes consisting of stoppages lasting several hours are successfully carried out by individual sheds, which is sufficient to hold up production in whole factories.

According to the French pro-German weekly paper Gringoire, 19,000 former officials of the French Communist Party have been arrested and 9,000 have been interned of a total of 30,000.

ALIENS IN BRITAIN

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter)—When a resolution was moved in the House of Commons yesterday for continuing the Defence Act emergency powers in operation for a further year, Captain O. Peake, Under-Secretary of the Home Office, revealed that in all 1,779 people had been detained under the famous regulation 18 B.

Captain Peake intimated, that this number had fallen to 762. Of this number, 292 persons were detained as members of an organisation which was subject to foreign influence or control. Some were British subjects only by accident of birth and there were also others belonging to a sort of international underworld which floated from one capital to another without any strong national loyalty.

INDIAN TROOPS THANKED

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO VICEROY

SIMLA, July 24 (Reuter)—"On behalf of the Army Council, I wish to express deep appreciation of the contribution made by Indian troops to the successful operations in Syria," says Captain David Margesson, Secretary for War, in a special message to the Viceroy.

Captain Margesson adds that the supreme effort of the Indian brigade at Damascus was, in co-operation with the Free French, decisive in the capture of that city, while the speed and dash shown by the column advancing from Iraq into northeastern Syria were powerful factors in bringing the campaign to an early conclusion.

The Viceroy replied: "Your message of appreciation is deeply valued in India. We are all proud of the share the Indian troops had in the Syrian operations and count it a privilege that units of the Indian Army were able to play a worthy part."

ARMY TO DISPLACE NAZI PARTY?

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter)—The continued house arrest of the "geo-political" theorist, Dr. Haushofer, who was arrested at the time of the Hess flight, is reported by a Reuter correspondent "somewhere in Europe."

The same source reports that the belief is held in many German circles that the Army is likely to take over control of Germany from the Nazi Party this autumn if by then big successes against Russia are not achieved.

BURMA ROAD TRAFFIC

CONTROL OFFICE SET UP

KUNMING, July 24 (Central)—To maintain peace and orderly traffic on the Yunnan-Burma Highway, the Yunnan Provincial Government at a meeting yesterday decided to petition the Pacification Headquarters for Yunnan and Kweichow to establish a Provisional Headquarters at Paoshan in western Yunnan near the Burma border.

The Provincial Government also decided to establish Administrative Commissioners' Offices in six border districts in order to enhance administrative efficiency to meet wartime needs.

A third decision was the early establishment of various grades of organs of public opinion in Kunming Municipality.

U.S. LABOURITE IN FAVOUR OF INTERVENTION

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24 (Reuter)—Mr. Tom Mooney, the famous United States Labour leader who was opposed to America's entry in the last war, has come out in favour of intervention in the present conflict.

"I was against the last war because it was purely commercial," Mr. Mooney said. "Today, I refuse to be a party to Hitler's enslaving this country and the rest of the world into Nazi economy which is equivalent to a world prison camp. We must fight for our basic liberties."

A Leftwing Socialist Mr. Mooney became famous throughout the world as a victim of one of America's greatest judicial sensations.

Sentenced to life imprisonment on the charge of having engineered the dynamite outrage in San Francisco in 1916, he spent 22 years in prison, being pardoned and released in Jan. 1939.

DIES OF HUNGER STRIKE

CHUNGKING, July 23 (Central)—Word has been received here that Mr. Lo Hung-tzu, a prominent Chinese at Lanchow in Kiangsu, died of a hunger strike recently when the Japanese forced him to serve as a puppet official.

Upon the recommendation of the Executive Yuan the National Government issued yesterday a mandate eulogising his patriotism and integrity.

AERODROME DEFENCE IN BRITAIN

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter)—The first major demonstration of aerodrome defence in Britain since the evacuation of Crete, carried out during large-scale exercises in Southern England, has just concluded, writes Reuter's War reporter with the Army of Britain.

The main theme was the defence of nearly a score of fighter stations and a port from airborne attack.

The chief lessons of Crete were brought home to the troops participating in the exercises in a circular issued before hand which stated that it was frequently remarked, the invasion of Crete might be regarded as a rehearsal of an invasion of Britain—an island had to be taken without control of the sea.

The essential difference between Crete and Britain is, of course, the defence here not denied by fighter interference by daylight attacks on enemy aerodromes. That this was well recognised was illustrated by making the "enemy" the first job of immobilisation or at least serious dislocation by local fighter defence.

For the purpose of the exercise, it was imagined that the enemy, after preliminary bombardment, had landed by parachute just before dawn and then sought to surprise local static defences, seize the aerodromes thus keeping the fighters grounded and permitting further landings.

MARCH ON PORT

If this was successful, the way would be prepared for a major airborne invasion the next evening and a march on the port against which a seaborne attack would be directed simultaneously.

The exercise was regarded as only a part of a full scale invasion which would keep the defences elsewhere fully occupied. Despite the absence of tanks,

with which no doubt the task had been simplified, the aerodrome situation, though for a time ticklish, was cleaned up during the first morning and afternoon.

An assault on the port proceeded next day but was finally held smashed.

The value of lessons learned are now being carefully studied. The Corps Commander told me afterwards that it seemed that the arrangements for the defence of the region against such local air invasion were right.

The Home Guard acquitted themselves splendidly. Capabilities of the field army division to deal with scattered air landings and then collect itself to corner a main landing were thoroughly sound.

ASTONISHINGLY GOOD Despite assumed wholesale destruction, normal channels of communications proved astonishingly good. In the later stages, some air support was available but could not be widely used as the enemy, having little transport, was difficult to identify and attackers and defenders were then so mixed that aerial counter-action was impossible.

The fact that it is then, the Army's responsibility to clear up the situation may be highly significant and adds a point to the Corps Commander's conviction that every man in uniform, regardless of his duties, must want to kill and know how to do it.

RETAIL TRADE OF CANADA

A preliminary estimate of the retail trade of Canada for 1940 shows a total dollar value of \$2,729,000,000, up twelve per cent. from the \$2,477,658,000 recorded for 1939.

Only one complete census of all retail trading establishments has, thus far, been taken in the Dominion, and it relates to the year 1930 when there were 125,000 retail stores with an annual turnover of \$2,755,569,000. Estimates of the total annual sales for the years 1931 to 1939 have been made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics by applying to the census figures trend values derived from returns secured annually from a much larger sample of stores than is possible in the monthly survey.

The estimate for 1940 has been derived by applying to the estimate of dollar volume for 1939 the average percentage change between 1939 and 1940 as obtained from the monthly report giving weight not only to the twelve lines of business included in the general monthly report but also to the figures for country general stores and new motor vehicles.

The estimate for 1940 is within one per cent. of the dollar volume recorded in the results of the complete census for 1930.

SALES HIGHER

With the exception of September, sales for all months of 1940 were higher than in the corresponding months of 1939. A 21 per cent. gain in August, 1940, over August, 1939, was higher than that recorded for any other corresponding month comparison, a result which must be attributed in a considerable degree to the low level of consumer purchasing just prior to the outbreak of the war. November was second in point of view of percentage increase with a gain of 19 per cent. over November, 1939, the marked expansion in this instance being largely due to the early winter and the consequent stimulus to the clothing and footwear trades.

A second factor contributing to the large increase for November is that comparison is made with November, 1939, when sales had declined following the wave of consumer purchasing during the first two months of the war.

Sales in September, 1940, averaged three per cent. lower than in September, 1939, while results for other months ranged from an increase of six per cent. in April to a gain of 18 per cent. in February.

The underlying trend in consumer purchasing as reflected in the general seasonally adjusted index was upward, especially during the latter part of the year, when increased purchasing power arising from higher employment levels became more apparent in the retail trade returns. The seasonally adjusted index for December, 1940, stood at 131, the highest recorded since the early months of 1930.

\$600 MILLION VICTORY LOAN LAUNCHED

Canada's \$600,000,000 Victory Loan, 1941, was launched on June 1, with the Prime Minister of Great Britain and the Prime Minister of Canada joining in ringing appeals to all the Canadian people to support the loan. This is the largest public loan ever sought in Canada. At the close of the first week's campaign, over \$276,000,000 had been subscribed by 254,237 individual investors. The loan has been popularly accepted by the average citizen—250,880 individual subscribers, as distinguished from corporations and institutions—have purchased \$115,000,000 worth of the bonds.

Speaking in connexion with the inauguration of the loan, Prime Minister Churchill stated that "To Nazi tyrants and gangsters, it must seem strange that Canada, free from all compulsion, pressure, so many thousands of miles away, should hasten forward into the field of battle against the evil forces of the world. These wicked men cannot understand the deep currents of loyalty and tradition that flow between the different self-governing nations of the British Empire."

The people of Great Britain are proud of the fact that the liberty of thought and action they have won in the course of their long romantic history should have taken root throughout the length and breadth of a vast continent from Halifax to Victoria. Canadians are the heirs of another tradition—the true tradition of France, the tradition of valour and faith, which they keep alive in these dark days and which, we are confident, will, in the end, bring back again to life France herself."

READY THIS YEAR

Prime Minister Mackenzie King stated that "Canada's new loan is described as the 1941 Victory Loan. This does not mean that we expect victory in 1941; it does mean that we are ready this year, and in each succeeding year, as long as the war may last, to do all that lies within our power to help to ensure victory."

In telling why the people of Canada are so completely at one with the people of Britain, and so determined to do their utmost for victory, Prime Minister King continued: "We are not all kith and kin—but as Canadians, we are one in our love of liberty. There are no divided loyalties in Canada. Loyalty to Canada, loyalty to the cause of Britain, loyalty to the cause of humanity, these to us have become one and the same. A century and a half ago French Canada had already learned the significance of British freedom. Her sons have never forgotten it, and they never will."

"Many of the newcomers to our land still can speak the languages of foreign motherlands. But even better than other Canadians, they understand the meaning of the evil doctrines of racial hatred and racial superiority. They came to Canada to be free from the continuing menace of international strife, and the degrading fears of an order of society which perpetuates inequality and injustice. Like the early settlers from France and Britain, they have come to

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War Loan, 3½% (Red. after 1952)	104-15/16
Defence Loan, 3%	100½
Canton-K'loon Rly. 5%	9
Chinese 4½% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	43
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds 1925/47	45
Chin. 4½% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	43
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912	27
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	36
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes 1925 (Vickers)	81
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	54
Honan Rly. 5% 1905	13
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	14
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	12
Lung Tsing & U Hai Rly. 5%, 1913	10
S'hai-N'king Rly. 5%	14½

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	12
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	26-29
Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924	44
Chartered Bank	94
H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp. (Ldn. Reg.)	80½
H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp. (Col. Reg.)	84
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	13/8
Chosen Corporation	4/-
Mercantile Bank of India, £5, "C"	11
Pekin Syndicate	17/-
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.	15/-
S'hai Waterworks "A"	15
Union Insurance	22
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	15
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	138
Great Western Rly.	38½
National Bank of India	31½
B.A. Tob. (bearer)	83/0
Dunlop Rubber	34/10½
Bristol Aeroplane	11/-
Imperial Chemical Ind.	31/6
United Steel	23/8
Woolworths	53/9
Marsman Investments	5/7½
Western Holdings	14/9
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POLICE REPORTS

Mr. K. Narindas, of No. 35, Wyndham Street, reports that between midnight and 7 a.m. on July 23, some person or persons broke into his office and stole a quantity of jade, various precious stones and a wallet containing a gold sovereign and \$30 Mexican currency to the total value of \$870.25.

A quantity of woodoil to the value of \$180 was reported to have been stolen from Messrs. John Mannors and Company's godown between July 21 and 24.

Mr. Hector, manager of the N.A. A.F.I. store, Nanking Barracks, reports that the store was broken into by unknown person or persons and \$132 worth of wine and cigarettes stolen between 3 p.m. on July 22 and 6 a.m. on July 23.

The sudden disappearance of Chu Po-sang, 26, was stated by his friend, with whom he arrived in Hongkong five days ago from Chungking, to be the result of his being disappointed in love. According to the friend, Chu left the Nathan Hotel, Kowloon, on the morning of July 22 and has not since returned.

Lok Sze, a seven-year-old boy, of No. 16, Pak Tai Street, Hunghom, was knocked down and fatally injured by a bus at the junction of Pak Tai Street and Matawei Rd. yesterday, according to a report made to the Police by the bus driver.

Doubt As To Requirements Of Black-out Regulations On Vessels Working Cargo

Doubt as to the precise requirements set out in the regulations governing restricted lighting on ships working cargo during the recent black-out exercise was admitted in the Marine Court yesterday.

Captains R. Balt, G. H. M. Vanderliet and J. Jensen, masters of three vessels working cargo in Victoria Harbour during the black-out exercise, appeared as defendants on the summons that they had failed to reduce the lighting on their vessels to a satisfactory degree.

The Deputy Director of Air Raid Precautions, Mr. B. H. Fuckle, and Mr. M. L. Bevan, A.R.P. Training Officer, testified against Captain Balt, who was represented by Mr. F. G. Nigel.

SEEN FROM AIR

Mr. Puckle said that he had seen reflected lights from Captain Balt's vessel while on observation duty in the air. The lights were reflected from both the deck and the water.

Mr. M. L. Bevan gave evidence that while on duty at Magazine Gap he had seen a brilliant light on a ship near the Vehicular Ferry Wharf which he took to be defendant's vessel.

Mr. Bevan added that from information received from the Police he was of the opinion that the amount of lighting on the ship was not more than was necessary for the safe working of the cargo.

CAPT. VANDERLIET

Submitting that the Crown had completely failed to make out a case against his client, Mr. H. J. Armstrong secured dismissal of the case against Captain G. H. M. Vanderliet. Mr. Armstrong pointed out that the European Sergeant charging his client admitted he was not aware of the regulations governing restricted lighting on ships working cargo during the black-out.

CAPT. JENSEN

Testifying against Captain J. Jensen, a European Police reservist admitted that he had no knowledge of the regulations governing restricted lighting. He had received instructions from a superior officer at the Water Police Station to visit the ship and to summon the master. Besides lights out of hatches, some lights showed also from the portholes, witness testified.

Remarking that he had to accept the Police Reservist's evidence, Commander Stiff convicted and cautioned defendant.

NIPPON EXODUS FROM S. AFRICA**SHIPPING SERVICES ALSO SUSPENDED**

JOHANNESBURG, July 24 (Reuter).—All Japanese private residents except three in South Africa are to be evacuated to Japan. Consular and diplomatic staffs will remain but their families are returning.

The Manila Maru is being held up at Capetown to take the evacuees aboard.

This vessel and the Belgium Maru will be the last Japanese ships to visit South African waters for some time as the general representative of the Osaka Syosen Kaisha stated yesterday that he had been advised that Japanese shipping services with South Africa have been temporarily suspended.

All Japanese businesses in South Africa are already closed or will be by the end of this week.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WEEKLY RETURN

In the Colony of Hongkong including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 19, 1941, there were altogether 130 traffic accidents as the result of which four persons were killed and 35 persons were injured.

Of persons killed, two Chinese females, aged 64 and 48 and a Chinese male, aged 14, were knocked down and killed by a motor cycle, a military truck and a bus respectively while crossing the carriage way and a bus passenger died from injuries received while alighting from a moving bus.

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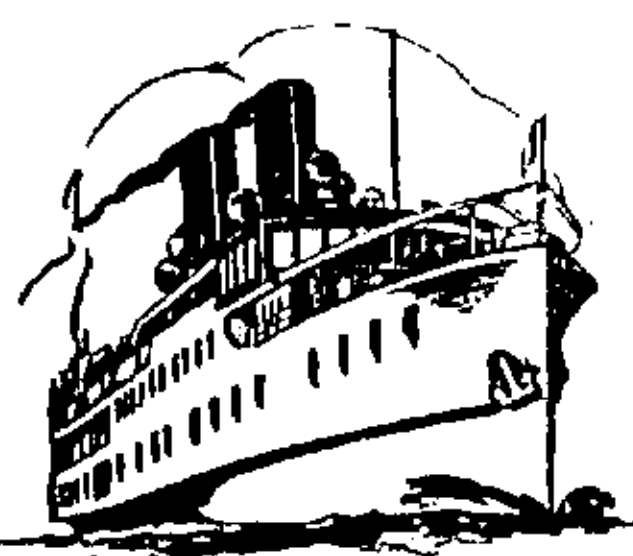
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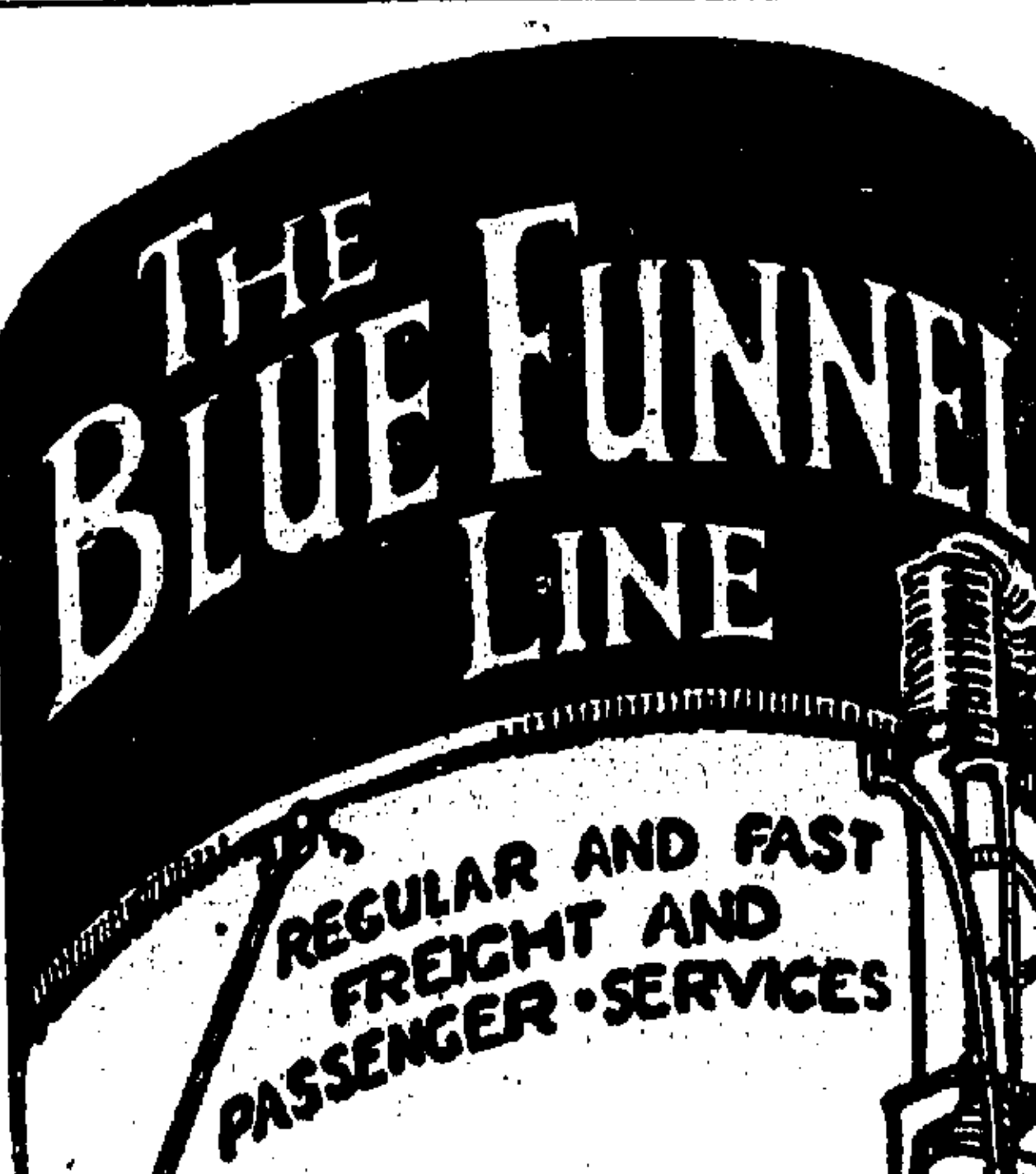
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ROUTE MARCH OVER 140 MILES

JUNGLE WARFARE TRAINING

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—One of the longest route marches ever made by the forces in Malaya has just been completed by a battalion of the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders covering 140 miles from Mersing to Singapore of which 110 was actual marching in difficult jungle paths and soft sandy beaches.

It lasted seven days and provided most valuable training in both coastal defence and jungle warfare. In the words of the commanding officer, it had shown that any attempts to land by the enemy would always be unsuccessful.

As regards the actual march, the officer said, "We can do it again any time."

There is no end to the journey feeling, however, as various platoons are going off almost immediately for further extensive training.

GERMAN LABOUR DIFFICULTIES

Vacuum Created By Conscription

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—The invasion of Russia has greatly increased Germany's labour difficulties, according to a statement by the Ministry of Economic Warfare last night.

Since the beginning of the year the Nazis have been faced by a growing shortage of workers and industrial workers from all over the Continent are being sucked into the vacuum created by the intensified call-up in Germany.

The considerable new call-up for the army began in January and continued until March. Even specialised workers from armament factories were mobilised and only a few key men of military age remain in agriculture which has been left mainly to old men, women, children, foreign labourers and prisoners of war.

There are about 38,000 in the building industries and these, it is stated, are mainly engaged in repairing what the R.A.F. knocks down because foreign workers are always placed in the most dangerous spots.

WORST FLOOD IN 20 YEARS IN MOWMING

Koylu, Mowming, Fahsien, Muliuk, Ngchun and other districts along the Kam River in Kwangtung are suffering from the worst flood in 20 years which so far has caused material damages to the extent of over \$1,000,000.

The flood was caused by continuous torrential rains from July 7 to 11 which swelled the river to overflowing. Mountain freshets added to the danger.

The hardest hit is Ngchun, situated in the lower reaches of the Kam River, where acres of low-lying paddy fields are inundated and at least seventy per cent of the rice crops expected to be harvested in the coming autumn have been washed away. Other crops like beans, potatoes, sugar and hemp have also been swept away by the surging waters. The losses in this district alone are estimated at about \$1,000,000.

In Mowming, more than 100 houses have been destroyed by the onrush of water and sixty or seventy per cent of the rice, beans and other crops washed away, resulting in a loss of at least over \$100,000.

A large area in the Fahsien district has been turned into a vast lake. Over 200 houses have collapsed but casualties were, however few.

The city of Koylu is completely submerged in several feet of water. —(Central News)

NEW YORK, July 24 (Reuter).—The first of 30 10,000-ton cargo ships being built for Britain at the Todd Shipyards in California is expected to be launched on August 15, four months to the day after the keel was laid. Three more hulls are now on the slipways. Thirty similar vessels are being built at the Todd yards at Portland, Maine.

Soccer League Fixtures For September 27

At a meeting held by the LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE of the Hongkong Football Association yesterday evening the first lot of League fixtures, to be played on Saturday, Sept. 27, was drawn up.

Hongkong University have been admitted to the Third Division of the League in place of International who have withdrawn.

It will be recalled that International's application for admission to the Second Division was rejected by the Committee a week ago.

Mr. J. Skinner was in the chair and others present were Messrs Wong Ka-tsun, W. J. Brown, C. Gungnam, W. M. Glover, Lieutenant Commander G. S. Hugh Jones and Mr. C. A. Goldenberg, Secretary.

The draw for the first round matches was as follows:—

FIRST DIVISION

Royal Scots v. R. Navy.
Police v. St. Joseph's.
Middlesex v. Eastern.
South China v. Kwong Wah.
Sing Tao v. Royal Engineers.
Kowloon v. Club.

SECOND DIVISION

Royal Scots v. Signals.
Police v. R.A.S.C.
Middlesex v. Eastern.
South China v. Kwong Wah.
Sing Tao v. Royal Engineers.
Kowloon v. Club.
7th R.A. v. R.A.O.C.
Kit Chee v. 12th R.A.

THIRD DIVISION

University v. 20th R.A.
R.A.F. v. R.A.S.C.
Tung Yee v. Lanford.
95th R.A. v. 12th R.A.
24th R.A. v. R.A.M.C.
30th R.A. v. 36th R.A.
Pui Ngai v. Shell.
7th R.A. v. Signals.

INHERITANCE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

In accordance with the Provisional Regulations Governing the Imposition of Inheritance Tax an Inheritance Assessment Committee has been established in Chungking by the Ministry of Finance with Mr. Li Tsu-ching (President of the Chungking District Court) as Chairman.

Inheritors are required to report their property to the committee which will estimate its value for taxation. —(Central News)

BRITISH LIFE IN ALL ITS ASPECTS

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—An invitation has been sent by telegram to United States Congressmen and Senators to send a representative body to England as guests of the British Group of Inter-Parliamentary Union and the British Council to obtain first-hand impression of British life in all its aspects under present conditions.

The telegram, which was signed by Sir Malcolm Robertson, Chairman of the British Council, and Colonel Arthur Evans, Chairman of the British Group, suggests that the deputation might travel either by some of the bombers coming to this country or by sea.

NAZI PRESS ATTACK ON ROOSEVELT

ZURICH, July 24 (Reuter).—Rosenberg, Nazi specialist on eastern questions, has been chosen "Minister for German East," according to an unconfirmed report from the Berlin correspondent of the Dietat.

The German Press yesterday turned its full propaganda fury on President Roosevelt, who was attacked with unprecedented violence. The newspapers reproduced photographs of President Roosevelt as a Free Mason.

HEINKEL BOMBER SHOT DOWN

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—A German bomber, believed to be a Heinkel 111, was shot down on Tuesday night by the combined fire from a British convoy and the escort vessels, says an Admiralty communiqué.

The bomber attempted to attack the convoy but was promptly and effectively engaged. She was about halfway to the target when she was shot down. No damage was done to the convoys.

FIRST EXTRA MINIATURE RACE MEET

The First Extra Meeting of the Club de Recrelo's Miniature Horse Racing Section will take place on Sunday, Aug. 3, and the first race will be run off at 9 p.m. The first saddling bell will be rung at 8.30.

The following is the programme:—

1.—9 p.m. The King's Park Stakes (First Section): Winner 3,000 Cash, Second 1,500 Cash. For 1941 China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Club. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners and ponies placed second barred. Entrance 30 cents. One-and-a-quarter miles.

Note: Only one entry is to be made for the above race. Entries will be divided into Six Sections by a draw. The draw will be so conducted that ponies of the same stable will not clash in the same section.

2.—9.30 p.m. The King's Park Stakes, Second Section.

3.—10 p.m. The King's Park Stakes, Third Section.

4.—10.30 p.m. The King's Park Stakes, Fourth Section.

5.—11 p.m. The Top Flight Stakes. Winner 5,000 Cash, Second 3,000 Cash. For 1941 China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Club. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners and Second Placed Ponies only. Entrance 30 cents. One-and-a-quarter miles.

6.—11.30 p.m. The King's Park Stakes, Fifth Section.

7.—Midnight, The King's Park Stakes, Sixth Section.

Entries will close at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, 1941.

All entries close at the Secretary's Office, Club de Recrelo, but they may be handed to the No. 1 Boy should the Secretary's Office be closed.

Entrance fees must accompany entry, otherwise entry will not be accepted.

Entries for all events must state Name of Pony, stable Name, also Racing Colours.

A rack for starters in each race will be placed in the Secretary's Office at 7 p.m. on Race Days.

Starters must be put in their relative racks at least 35 minutes before the time stated in the programme for the start of a race. Only those ponies that are in their relative racks at the proper time will be allowed to weigh out.

HOCKEY ON SKATES

The hockey tournament on roller skates, under the auspices of the "Chi Yin Yat Po" has attracted seven entries.

These are the Blitz Skating Team (5/7 A. A. Regt.), Panthers (Ching Skating Rink), King's Skating Rink, Empress Skating Rink, Cyclone Sports Club and Kowloon Skating Rink "A" and "B".

The tournament is expected to commence this coming Saturday.

RESEARCH IN INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS

The Sun Yat-sen's Industrial Projects Research Society held its third general meeting on July 20. The objective of the Society is to study practical measures for the execution of the Industrial Projects laid down by the Father of the Chinese Republic and make any necessary revisions in the projects to meet present needs.

Among those present were Mr. Chen Li-fu, Chairman, Mr. Yeh Hsu-feng, Secretary-General, Dr. Wong Wen-hao, Mr. Yang Chien-ting, Mr. Hsiao Feng-shan and Mr. Yang Tsu-kang.

Mr. Chen Li-fu reported the research in the basic statistics relative to the Industrial Projects during the last three months. He said that the research is expected to be completed before the middle of September so that the findings may be submitted to the 10th annual meeting of the Chinese Engineering Society to be held in Kwangyang in October for consideration. —(Central News)

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 26th JULY, 1941.

Air Mail Service by British Overseas Airways Corporation to East & South Africa, United Kingdom and beyond has now been resumed. Correspondence for despatch by Air via Rangoon must be superscribed by "C.N.A.C."

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—

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TUESDAY	Tue. 12th Aug.
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HONAN STRICKEN BY CALAMITIES

More than 100 hsten in Honan have been stricken by war, drought, flood, hail, frost or locusts during the past half year. Among them 29 have suffered from war, eight from frost which damaged the crops, 37 from drought, 24 from hail, 11 from flood and one from locusts.

The Honan Provincial Government and the Honan Relief Commission have received an avalanche of telegrams asking for relief funds. They have in turn reported the situation to the Executive Yuan and the National Relief Commission. —(Central News)

DETERMINED TO DEFEND

General Lung Yun, Governor of Yunnan, is determined to defend the province against any Japanese move, said Mr. Huang Yen-pel, Secretary-General of the National War Bonds Promotion Committee upon his return from Kunming today.

Interviewed by the HSIN SHU PAO (New Szechwan Daily), Mr. Huang reported that the bonds drive in Yunnan is progressing satisfactorily and is expected to exceed the original goal under the enthusiastic leadership of General Lung Yun. —(Central News)

WASHINGTON, July 24 (Reuter)

—The international situation is even more serious than the general public understands and is rapidly becoming more serious, stated Mr. May, Chairman of the House of Representatives Military Committee after leaving the executive session of the Committee yesterday.

MODEL PLANES CONTEST

More than 50 persons have signed up to participate in the Model Aeroplanes Contest which will be held under the auspices of the Hongkong Model Aeroplane Association on Aug. 14, on the occasion of Chinese Air Force Day.

An exhibition of model planes will also be held for four days in conjunction with the contest. The contest is the second of its kind in Hongkong, the first being held last autumn.

Enthusiastic support to the contest has been received from various quarters in the Colony as many prizes have been contributed by a number of individuals as well as organisations.

MARINERS WARNED

A Harbour Office notification issued yesterday states that a mooring buoy has been laid in each of the following positions:— (a) 079 deg. distant 700 feet from the charted position of the No. 3 buoy and is marked 3N; (b) 103 deg. distant 700 feet from the charted position of the No. 3 buoy and is marked 3S.

It is reported that in the current year's agricultural loans to be extended by the Joint Board of the four Government Banks, namely, the Central Bank of China, the Bank of China, the Bank of Communications and the Farmers' Bank, large sums have been allocated for the promotion of agricultural production and improvement of irrigation. In which Szechwan will receive \$1,000,000 monthly to improve irrigation, while Kansu will get a total grant of \$20,000,000 to finance its More Food Programme. —(Central News)

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